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FOR Aunt Jane, who was a gentle and loving soul. My humble attempt at creating a lasting history of our Sherwood family was for you.

FOR my father, Robert Walter, who was a great inspiration to me. This attempt of capturing the Sherwood family history is also in your memory.

AND FOR my sons, Gary and Burt, who continue to show me what the word family really means. I love you both forever.

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INTRODUCTION

The best way to describe the following human attempt to re-create the family history that has almost fallen by the wayside in the earlier years is to say even with the many missing links I hope you will enjoy meeting our Sherwood Family. Earlier traditions and habits are captured whenever possible and, of course, as little editing as possible was done so that you could see our wonderful family as it really is. Forgiveness is ask for any wrong spelling, dates or information that may end up slipping through.

I have placed the generations by chapters. Chapter 1 is the first Sherwood generation to come to Indiana. Chapter 2 is the second generation, etc. A Table of Contents is located after the Forward to aid in your search through our family. Each person is listed in the Sherwood Roll Call Index at the end of the book by their maiden name.

My aim in writing this book was to have our readers get to know our family as their friends. Welcome aboard this trip down memory lane.

Respectfully yours,

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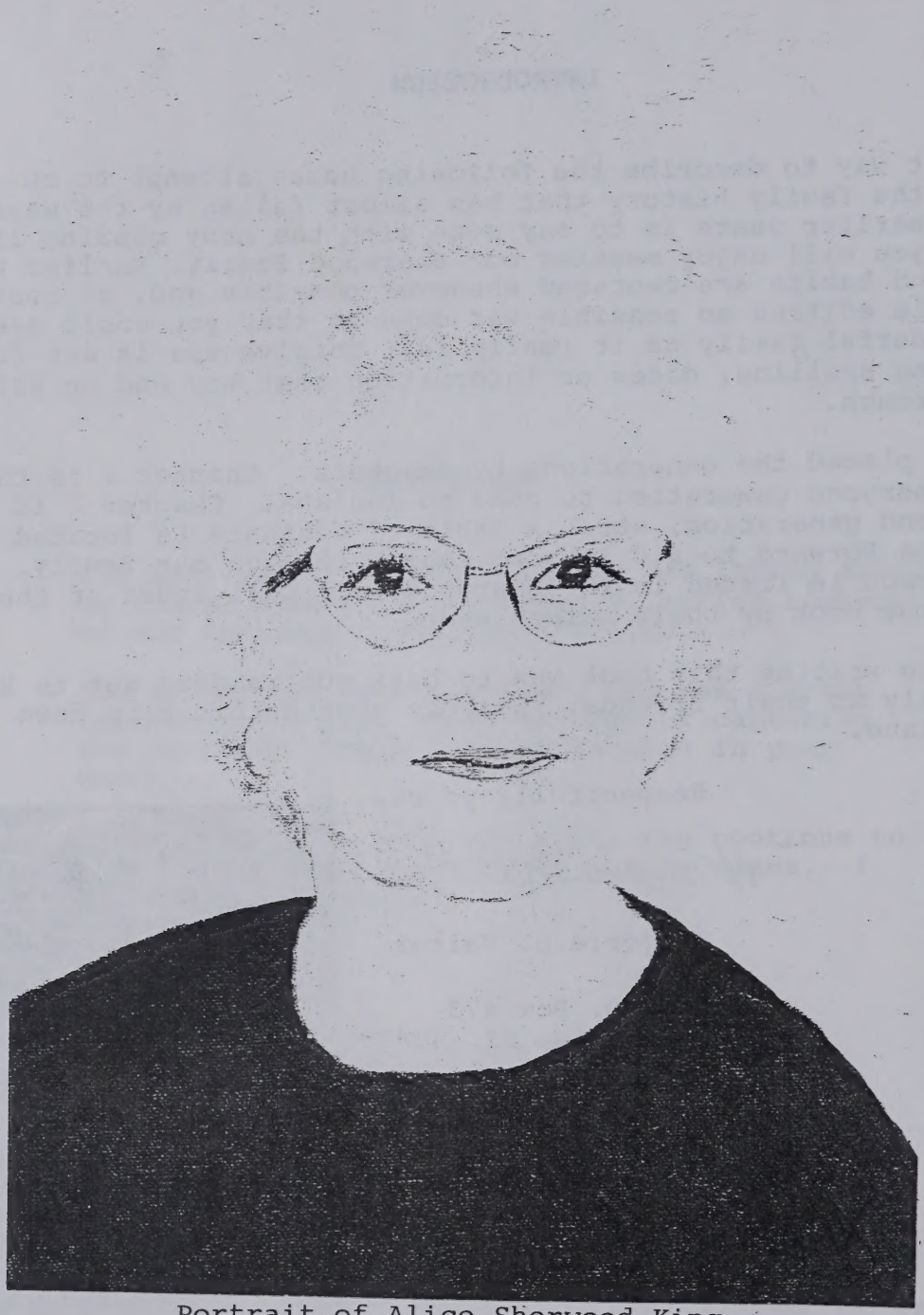

Portrait of Alice Sherwood King
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Portrait of Robert J. Walter

by Marjorie J. Walter

FOREWARD

When beginning this family history I found myself wondering where all the stories have gone. All the traditions and knowledge our ancestors had and we now want and need, where have they gone? I have tried to capture those bits of information still around and yet we know many more have died with their bearers. So now we are trying to create a stockpile of as much information as possible for the many generations to come because our own traditions will be their history.

Did you know our own dear Aunt Jane was a top level Executive Secretary, when that wasn't fashionable or accepted as a woman's place in the Man's World? Did you know that one of the Sherwood descendants has met U.S. Presidents? These are but a few of the interesting facts within our book.

I hope you can transgress back into time with the earlier generations of Sherwoods and feel their pride in their accomplishments and their pain as trouble came their way.

I have decided to include in this section all the little bits of data that will aid you in knowing the time period when our Sherwoods first moved to Indiana. I will also include a few mystery names uncovered that we do not know if they are our ancestors.

During the 1840s to 1860s pioneering era DeKalb County, Indiana was considered 'the west'. The first settlement occured in 1833 and the last Indians were removed in 1840, the year our pioneers settled there. Settlement was rapid through the 1840s and the 1850s as settlers were attracted by the availability of almost unlimited land at $1.20 an acre. Most settlers entered either 80 or 160 acres of land. Our Amos Sherwood purchased 160 acres. This land was later partially given and partially sold to the first born son, William Charles. This is discussed in William Charles' section in Chapter 2: The Second Generation.

It might help to understand our first generations of Indiana Sherwood if you realize a little of their geographic surroundings. The largest town closest to the family home was Waterloo. When they moved there in the 1840s the town had a population of 3,000 but ten years later the town had grown to 8,000 and by 1860 to 13,000. A city of this size would, of course, make a difference in our family's lives. Supplies were readily at hand, as well as, cultural events of that time period.

We have not been able to locate evidence of which country our earliest American Sherwood came from but most think it was England. Our first Indiana Sherwood generations continued carrying on the old world tradition of the first born son inheriting the bulk of the estate and the land. After a few generations this old tradition was finally broken.

A family Bible that is thought to be Amos Sherwood's is in the possession of Edwin Sherwood. There were a few pages of dates and information written by Amos and Lucy inserted in the Bible in 1845. Two other Sherwood Family Bibles are still in the family. The first one is of the second generation, William Charles and Mary Sherwood's Family Bible. The second one is thought to be of the third generation, Elijah and Lizzie Sherwood's. Both of these Bibles are in Beverly Sherwood's possession.

A few pieces of information that has been remembered about earlier Sherwoods are: There once was a Sherwood that operated a stage coach between Alboney and Skannesteles, New York. Another interesting bit of information is that at one time, and possibly now, there was a Sherwood Inn in Skannesteles, New York. And lastly, it has been said that the town of Sherwood, Ohio was named after one of our ancestors.

A man named Moses Sherwood traveled from New York to visit and Aunt Jane (Alice Sherwood King) automatically recalled him as Grandpa Moses. She did not recall if he was really a Great-Grandpa or maybe a brother of Amos. A few Sherwood names have shown up that we cannot link to our family even though it is likely they belong to us. A town about 8 miles east of Waterloo, called Butler, had a newspaper called 'Review' which was issued on February 2, 1876 by R. D. Sherwood. There has been a James Sherwood show up in a few records, also, and in the 1840 Steuben County, Indiana Census there is a William Sherwood listed as land owner. In the Death Records (1899-1920) of DeKalb County, a William Sherwood is once again listed as having been a farmer and lived 1826-1902. He was born in New York as was his wife Sylvia Ava (Denbow) Sherwood. Maybe these are just coincidences or possibly they are unidentifed relatives. Some things we may never know.

At one time a book on the Parsons family was written but we have not been able to locate a copy. The Parsons line would be from Mary Parsons of the second generation, William Charles Sherwood's wife.

There was also a book written on a Sherwood family line. The book, Daniel L. Sherwood and his Paternal Ancestors was written in 1929 by Andrew Sherwood. This is a 390 page book that shows one Sherwood line back to the 1100s. Edwin Sherwood does have a copy of this book.

I wish many blessings to you and all Sherwood descendants,

Margie

Further Researech Records

When this book was almost completed I decided to visit the local Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church to see what I could find in their geneology films and files. Well, low and behold, we do have ancestors on file. Before I begin to tell you all that I found I must stress that the information in their files have been put in by many people and the records they found or information put into the files may have been unintentionally false. As in the book you are reading, the information is found in many sources and even old written sources are sometimes written by memory. So, at best, we hope the following information from the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church files is true.

Our Indiana pioneers, Amos and Lucy Sherwood, came from New York. From Amos' family Bible we know that his parents are Joseph and Abigail Sherwood. According to the information in the church files Joseph and Abigail are first cousins so their grandparents on back are the same. The following is the listing of the 7 generations as found in those files.

Amos' Parents:

Joseph Sherwood
Born: 1791 Milton, Saratoga, NY
Married: Jan., 11, 1811
Died: June 28, 1835 Camillus, NY

Abigail Merwin Sherwood
Born: Mar. 24, 1795 Redding, Conn.
Died: Feb. 15, 1886 Camillus, NY

Amos' Grandparents:

Amos Sherwood (Joseph's father)
Born: 1745 Weston, Fairfield, Conn.
Married: Nov. 18, 1770
Died: Dec. 17, 1808

Molly Fanton (Joseph's mother)
Born: Oct. 10, 1751 Fairfield, Conn.

Matthew Sherwood (Abigail's father)
Born: Dec. 5, 1755 Easton, Fairfield, Conn.
Married: Around 1788
Died: June 10, 1837 Ballston, NY

Eunice Summers (Abigail's mother)
Born: 1760 Fairfield, Conn.
Died: Mar. 5, 1837 Ballston, Saratoga, NY

Amos' Great Grandparents:

Thomas Sherwood
Born: Mar. 11, 1719 Stratfield, Conn.
Married: Around 1744
Died: Sept. 15, 1798 Easton, Fairfield, Conn.

Ann Burr
Born: Sept. 7, 1726 Easton, Fairfield, Conn.
Died: Dec. 3, 1777 Easton, Fairfield, Conn.

John Fanton
Born: Around 1725
Married: Around 1750
Died: 1795

Mary Rowland
Born: Around 1729
Died: 1754

Amos' Great, Great Grandparents:

Samuel Sherwood
Born: 1680

Rebecca Burr
Born: 1681

John Burr (Captain)
Born: Around 1700

Catherine Wakeman
Born: Around 1704

Amos's Great, Great, Great Grandparents

Matthew Sherwood
Born: 1643 F., Conn.
Married: 1668 Windsor, H., Conn.
Died: Oct. 26, 1715 Stratford, Conn.

Mary Fitch (married Matthew Sherwood)
Born: 1643/1644 in England
Died: Dec. 25, 1730 Stratford, Conn.

Nathaniel Burr
Born: Around 1640, probably Springfield, MA
Married: June 1659 Connecticut
Died: Feb. 26, 1712 Fairfield, Conn.

Sarah Ward (married Nathaniel Burr)
Born: 1639/1640 Wethersfield, Conn.
Died: Around 1684 Fairfield, Conn.

Amos' Great, Great, Great, Great Grandparents:

Thomas Sherwood
Born: 1586 Ipswich, England
Married: 1641 Stanford, Conn.
Died: July 21, 1655 Stratford, Fairfield, Conn.

Mary Fitch (married Thomas Sherwood)
Born: March 1629 Bocking, Essex, England
Died: 1693 Rye, West, NY

Thomas Fitch
Born: Oct. 14, 1612 Bocking, Essex, England
Married: Nov. 1, 1632 Norwalk, Conn.
Died: 1704 Norwalk, Connecticut

Ane Stacie (married Thomas Fitch)

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Chapter 1

Our First Generation of Pioneering Sherwoods

Our Sherwood Family History begins with Amos B. Sherwood who was born April 14, 1813 in Ballston, Onondaga Co., New York. Amos was the son of Joseph and Abigail Sherwood of Weston, New York and Amos' siblings were Matthew, John, Eunice, and Mary, with Amos being the oldest son. The only other information we have of these siblings is that Amos' sister Mary died January 13, 1855 at her brother John's home in Elbridge, New York.

Amos and a fellow born New Yorker, Lucy Peck, exchanged their wedding vows in Salisbury, New York on August 28, 1836. The couple's ages were, Amos at 23 years and Lucy at 24 years. At the time of their wedding Amos had lived in Camillus, New York and Lucy in Salisbury. Lucy was born August 10, 1813 in Manheim, New York, the oldest daughter of Isaac and Amy Peck.

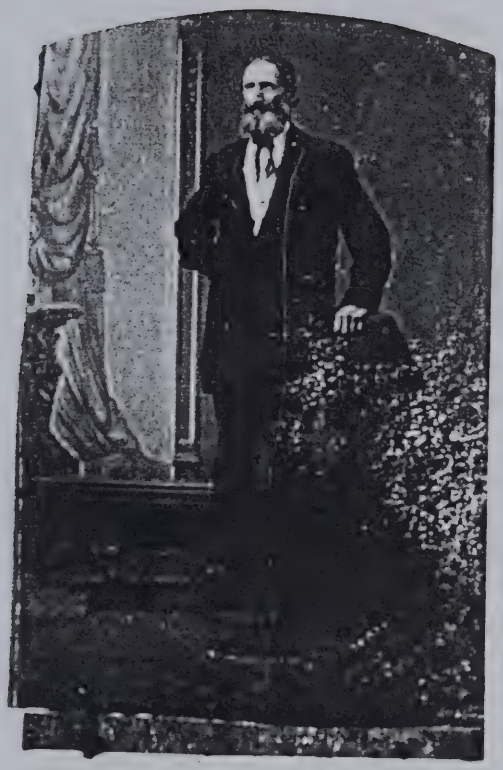
On August 12, 1836, the U.S. Government granted Mr. Charles Land the Southwest quarter of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Thirteen (13) east, containing 160 acres, and he in turn sold it to Amos for $800 on November 1, 1838, this being our Indiana Sherwood Homestead. The transaction took place in Onondaga Co., State of New York and was not recorded in Dekalb County, Indiana until August 12, 1840, when Amos first came to Indiana.

In 1840 Amos traveled by oxen and carts to Indiana. The long journey west seemed even longer as the carts continually broke down. One of the advantages of travel during that time was the free pasture for the oxen almost anywhere along the trail. Amos first traveled to LaGrange, Indiana where he hired an Indian guide to travel to DeKalb County and scout out his land.

Amos and Lucy's children were Mary Caroline, William Charles, John Peck, Charlotte Lucy, and Lucy Ann. You will see that the name John was a family name that seemed to be used at least once each Sherwood generation. Many Sherwood children also received Biblical names. All of Amos and Lucy's children are thought to have been born in New York.

Lucy died Jan. 1, 1871 with Amos following in death 24 years later on August 25, 1895. The only physical attribute that was remembered about this first Sherwood is that Amos was a tall man.

A photo that is thought to be that of Amos Sherwood is on page 2. Many tin-type photographs were taken of this family by a photographer sent out from New York. A unique leather bound book of these photographs, with a flower pattern indented into the sides of the pages is still with the family today. Alice (Jane) Sherwood King was the keeper of this family heirloom for many years. The photographs have been reproduced and can be seen intermixed in the collection of photos in the first few chapters.



Amos Sherwood

"Grandpa" Moses Sherwood
from New York

Chapter 2

Our Indiana Sherwoods - The Second Generation

Mary Caroline Sherwood, called Caroline, was the daughter of Amos and Lucy (Peck) Sherwood. Caroline was born in Camillus, New York on May 7, 1838. At the time of her birth Amos and Lucy were said to live in Camillus, New York. Caroline married George Mead. Mary Caroline Sherwood Mead died July 4, 1859.

William Charles Sherwood, son of Amos and Lucy (Peck) Sherwood, was born on July 16, 1841 in Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, where he received his education in the common schools. William Charles was called Charles.

In the spring of 1861 Charles moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, where his father owned one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 32, Smithfield Township. Charles worked on a farm for Willard Childs for three months in Fairfield Township and then returned to New York state. On October 18, 1863 Charles' father deeded sixty acres of land to him for the cost of "Blood and Affection" and on March 17, 1866 Charles bought the balance of one hundred acres for $2,500. Both of these transactions took place in Onondaga Co., New York and were later recorded in Indiana. This Sherwood land was mostly covered with timber, but eventually Charles succeeded in getting the farm in excellent shape as Charles cleared the timber off the land during the winter months, returning to New York during the summers.

Charles was such a hard worker that a story was passed down about the farm hands finding the horses tired in the mornings when they arrived at work. It was later found out that Charles had been working in the fields at night after the hands had stopped work for the day.

On June 30, 1869, Charles married Mary Deborah Parsons, a native of the same county in New York as himself and the wedding was performed in their New York home. Two years after that event they came to their new home and farm in DeKalb County, where Charles began actively engaging in agricultural pursuits. Charles' 160 acres of land was located on the north side of what is now US Hwy. 6, just west of the present Interstate 69 Waterloo exit.

Charles' wife, Mary, was born June 4, 1845 in Skanneateles, Onondaga County, New York. Mary's parents were Elijah Parsons (born December 2, 1812) and Eliza VanGusbeck (born August 4, 1811). Mary's siblings were Phineas J., Hugh Boyd, John, Elijah, Edwin, and Eliza. Mary fit into this family picture as the middle child. Mary's maternal grandfather was James VanGusbeck. Many of Mary's family's names have been passed down as either first or middle names.

The Parsons are believed to have come from Meravia, New York and it was said they were wealthy. The story was told over and over about Mary walking down the road in her silks and satins. If this was the dirt road in front of their home

her fine New York clothing would not have lasted long.

The following are photographs of Mary's Grandpa and Grandma Parsons; Mary's mother, Eliza VanGusbeck Parsons; Grandpa James VanGusbeck; and Grandpa Boyd (Grandpa Boyd is thought to be Eliza VanGusbeck Parsons' grandfather which could be why they used his last name as one of her sons'middle name).

Great Grandma Parsons.

Elijah Parson's mother

Great grandpa Parsons

Elijah Parson's father

Grandma Parsons

Eliza VanGusbeck Parsons &
Mary Deborah Parsons Sherwood

Grandpa James VanGusbeck

James VanGusbeck

Grandpa Boyd.

Grandpa Boyd

Charles and Mary became the parents of seven children, Elijah Parsons (called Lide), Lucy E., John VanGusbeck, Edward, Elizabeth Catherine (Eliza), Benjamin Harrison and Charley W., whom died in infancy. Lide was the only child born in New York.

Their first family home in Indiana was a large one and on the second floor was a grand piano on which Mary gave piano lessons. Having a grand piano in their home once again spoke of the family's wealth. In the fall of 1918 this home burnt to the ground. While it was still burning Grandpa Charles crawled on the roof to save a large bell but to no avail as it broke through the roof. The bell had been used to call everyone from the fields and barns to the house. While a new house was being built the family took turns living in either the chicken coop or sleeping in the hay mow of the barn. While living in the chicken coop Grace, wife of John Sherwood, gave birth to their daughter Pauline.

Charles hired carpenters to build the new home. It was built 2 foot wider all around and had a few extras added. There was a smoke house in the basement and a water cooling system hooked up to the windmill. The house was originally built quite a distance from the road and later was moved, probably to be closer to the barns and road. Many years later when the dirt road in front of the house became a major highway, Hwy 6, and Interstate 69 was built the house was now too close to the road so it had to be moved once again to a completely different location.

Charles was a Progressive Republican, and was a member of the United Brethren Church. He and his wife were very active throughout their lives and were well liked in the community where they lived.

Mary was remembered by her granddaughter, Alice, as a pretty, sweet, home-body while other family members remember Charles as not having patience with children even though he had many. Since Charles did not wear eyeglasses he had to put a lamp between himself and a newspaper to read it. Charles did not have teeth in later years and while he had had a chin beard most of his years he did not when he had grown quite old. This chin beard is like the kind Englishmen used to wear, so this tends to add to our belief that our American Sherwoods were of English descent.

It is possible that Charles was what we would call a dairy farmer as he was one of the initial stockholders in the Corunna Butter & Cheese Association which was organized on March 25, 1892, to purchase milk and manufature butter and cheese at Corunna, Indiana.

It was said by some that Charles seemed to have a lot of money, maybe more than a farm his size could provide but then he didn't spend much unless he really wanted something bought. It was also said by many during that time that money came by the bushelfulls from the Sherwoods in New York. This picture of the New York Sherwoods having money would follow the pattern of the previously mentioned New York photographer being sent to take family photographs and of an inheritance from an unknown

New York Sherwood coming to Claude Sherwood in 1925.

Mary broke her hip and was in a wheel chair for about 2 years before she died of a weakened condition at the age of 75 years on July 13, 1919 in DeKalb County. She was laid to rest in the Waterloo Mausoleum. Charles died of phenomonia on May 2, 1927 in Smithfield Twp., Waterloo, Indiana. Charles was also buried in the Waterloo Mausoleum.

One of the three Sherwood Family Bibles that have been passed down through the generations was given to Mary by her brother John Parsons in 1884. Beverly Sherwood Blech is presently the keeper of this Sherwood Bible.

Mary Parsons Sherwood

William & Mary Sherwood

Mary Deborah Parsons Sherwo

Charlotte Lucy Sherwood, daughter of Amos and Lucy (Peck) Sherwood, was born in Marcellus, New York on April 27, 1843. Lucy, as she was called, married William Taylor.

John Peck Sherwood, Amos and Lucy's son, was born July 11, 1845 in Marcellus, New York. John resided with his parents from 1870 to 1896, at which time he acquired a farm in the immediate vicinity of his father's farm. John did not marry.

John died December 10, 1925 in DeKalb County, Indiana at the home of his nephew, Lide Sherwood. John was buried in the Cedar Lake Cemetery in Waterloo, Indiana.

Lucy Ann Sherwood, daughter of Amos & Lucy, married Henry Peck and they lived near Reading, Michigan. Their children were: Carl, Lauella, Eliza, Vitella, Dempster, and Lyle. Lucy's husband is thought to have belonged to the Guidian Church group. A photo of Lucy and her niece Lucy E. Sherwood Hussellman follows.

Lucy Sherwood Peck &
Lucy E. Sherwood Hussellman

Old conveyance of Sherwood Clan

Chapter 3

The Third Generation

Elijah Parsons Sherwood, called Lide, was born to William Charles and Mary (Parsons) Sherwood on November 14, 1870 in New York. Lide moved to Indiana with his parents when he was 1 year old.

Lide married Elizabeth Mae White Chandler on December 12, 1893 in Kendallville, Indiana. Rev. Ashier S. Preston performed the ceremony with Perry O. Eldredge and Almedia Oster witnessing.

Lide's wife, nicknamed Lizzie, was born August 10, 1876 in LaGrange County, Indiana, in the vicinity of Rome City. Lizzie's mother's name was Mary Adline White but her father's first name is not remembered. Lizzie's mother's last name was either Chandler or Walter and she is thought to have married three times. The first marriage was to Mr. White, the second to Mr. Coe and the third to Mr. Snider of Lorenso. Lizzie and her bother, Thomas, were raised by their grandparents who's last name was Chandler. Lizzie took her grandparent's last name as her own but her brother kept White as his last name. Brother Thomas is thought to have lived in Michigan.

After marrying, Lide and Lizzie lived in the countryside outside of Waterloo in DeKalb County on what is now called the Auburn/Ashley Road, where Lide engaged in farming. The family attended the Maple Grove Church and later the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. The following children completed Lizzie and Lide's family: George Elijah, Jennie Elizabeth, Alice Viola, Clare, and Edwin Theodore. Clare died the day he was born.

Lide was a man of medium height and build and part of the time had wore a mustache. Lide was a hard worker and pushed everyone else into getting as much done as he himself could. Lide is also remembered to have a quick temper while Lizzie had a good disposition. Lizzie helped with her children's school doings and hard work was no stranger to her either as she always did a lot of outside work and worked in the sugar camp. Lizzie is remembered as a nice looking lady.

Being the progressive man that he was, Lide built and ran a one crank pump gas station and grocery known as the Morning Star. This possibly being the first convenience store gas station in DeKalb County, many years before its' time. Having picked an excellant location, Lide's store site is still utilized as a gasoline, convenience store and restaurant site to this day.

Jennie, Elijah & Edwin in front of Elijah's Store

To have and to hold
for better for worse
for richer for poorer
in sickness and in health
to love and to cherish
till death us do part
This Certifies
That
AND
WERE BY ME UNITED
IN HOLY MATRIMONY,
According to the Ordinance of GOD and the Laws of the State of Indiana
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
One Thousand Eight hundred and
Witnesses
And Isaac lifted up his eyes, and saw, and behold, the camels were coming
And Isaac took Rebecca, and became his wife, and he loved her.
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Elijah and Lizzie Sherwood
with George, Jennie, Alice
and Edwin

Lide at 1 yr.

Elijah Parsons Sherwood

Elijah P. Sherwood

Lizzie Chandler Sherwood

Lizzie Chandler Sherwood
1913 at Sugar Cane

Sherwood Family Photo
at Elijah's house

Elijah Parsons Sherwood

Elijah Sherwood

Elijah Parsons Sherwood

Elijah & Bernice Sherwood

Lizzie died June 21, 1920 in DeKalb County and is buried in the Cedar Lake Cemetery, also in DeKalb County.

Lide next married Bernice M. Farmer. There were no children of this union. Lide died September 12, 1943, age 72, preceeding Bernice in death. In accordance with Lide's dislike of flowers no flowers were at his funeral. Lide was buried at the Cedar Lake Cemetery, alongside his first wife. Bernice later remarried to Ed Duke and they managed the Morning Star Grocery/Gas Station that Lide had built.

Elijah in front of his gas station.

Lucy E. Sherwood, daughter of Charles and Mary (Parsons) Sherwood, was born July 24, 1873. It is thought she was born in DeKalb County.

Lucy had four husbands. Her first husband was Lewis Rohm (called Lew), whom she married at age 19, on September 1, 1892. Lucy and Lew lived in Auburn with their three children, Ralph, Martha, and Alfred. Lucy and Lew were divorced.

Lucy next married Calvin Husselman, a farmer in Richmond, Virginia. By this union one child, Ruth, was born. Lucy married again to Lewis E. Bohece on September 1, 1892 in DeKalb County. Lucy's last husband was a man with the last name Fisher. Lucy died September 11, 1944. Lucy's photo is on page 9.

John VanGusbeck Sherwood was born September 18, 1875 in Smithfield Twp., Dekalb Couty, the son of Charles and Mary (Parsons) Sherwood. John received his education in the common schools of his township and followed the vocation of farming all his active life.

Prior to his marriage John bought eighty acres of land from his father, which at that time was in good condition and which had a good set of farm buildings. After his marriage he bought seventy acres more land, known as the B. B. McIntarfer farm, the latter purchase being in the spring of 1913, and to the cultivation of his land he devoted his entire time and attention. His residence, barn and other outbuildings were all conveniently arranged and up-to-date in style. The fertility of the soil was maintained to the highest standard and John acquired an excellent reputation as a progressive and enterprising agriculturist, and one of the most enterprising of the younger generation of farmers in DeKalb County. John carried on general farming and also gave some attention to the breeding and raising of live stock, which he had found to be a valuable adjunct to the modern farm of his time.

On June 24, 1903, John married Grace Anna Conkey Mills and they had nine children: Edna, Elsia, Nellie, Hilda, Blanch, Claud, John VanGusbeck, Jr., Pauline and Cleo Wayne.

Grace was taken in by her foster-mother, Harriett A. Westlake, a native of Indiana, when very young and never gained knowledge of her parents. One source said that Grace's father's name was Emerson and her step-father's name was Conkey. Grace was reared by her foster-mother on a farm in York, Steuben County, Indiana. Her foster-mother, upon becoming a widow, still lived on the farm. Grace's parents were said to have come from Ireland and Grace had a brother, George Conkey. Grace was married prior to her marriage to John, to Harley Mills. Before divorcing Mr. Mills, Grace had two children, who lived most of their rearing time with John and Grace. Their names were Clarence and Imogene Mills.

Politically, John gave his support to the Progressive Republican party, and was ardent in his support of the same, and his religious membership was with the United Brethren Church. John possessed a social nature and by his genial and kindly attitude to those with whom he came in contact he won the

confidence and respect of everyone. Grace's singing happiness in her home can only affirm to John being a good person.

John and his family lived 1 mile north of Rd. 6 on the north side of Auburn/Ashley Road. John died at the age of 43 years on February 10, 1919 with cancer of the liver the cause of death. As cancer was not as curable back in the early 1900s it isn't a wonder that John was sent home from Lutheran Hospital to die in the comfort of his own home. John was buried in the Waterloo Mausoleum but due to the deterioration of the mausoleumon on December 1, 1989 both John and Grace were removed from the mausoleum and put in grave lots. The grave site is just north of the mausoleum, where the old driveway once was.

Just before John's death he and Grace had sold their 70 acre farm because they were going to live on the Sherwood Homestead and take care of Grandma Mary in return for the farm. After the death of her husband this left no place for Grace and their children to live so Grace sold off the livestock, machinery and equipment and used this money to purchase a home in Auburn, paying for it with cash, to insure her children would have a home of their own. The home purchased was on West 9th Street in Auburn and Grace worked at a garment factory, also in Auburn.

In June, 1921 Grace remarried to Daniel J. Grogg. Dan combined their money and bought a farm west of Waterloo. All seemed to go well on the farm until all three boys were raised and on their own. The farm must have been too large for one man to handle because Dan lost the farm shortly thereafter. Daniel Grogg died November 11, 1942 and is buried at Waterloo, Indiana. At her death Grace was placed alongside her first husband, John Sherwood, in the Waterloo Mausoleum.

Imogene Mills, John Sherwood, Edna. Nell. Hilda. Elsie

Elijah's brother John's kids

John & Grace Sherwood
& Claude - 1912

Children of John & Grace Sherwood
BACK: Hilda Sherwood Baird, Nellie Sherwood Carteaux, John Sherwood, Elsie Sherwood Allen, Claude Sherwood.
FRONT: Edna Sherwood Baird, Grace Sherwood Grogg, Imogene Mills Dilgard, Clarence Mills
KNEELING: Pauline Sherwood Hovarter, Cleo Sherwood, Blanche Sherwood.

John Sherwood's Children - May 12, 1949
Claude Sherwood, Nellie Carteaux, (behind Nellie) Edna Baird, Cleo Sherwood, Imogene Dilgard, Blanch Fuller, Hilda Baird. John Sherwood.

Grandpa John V. Sherwood with Imogene Mills, Edna Sherwood, Elzie Sherwood, Hilda Sherwood, & Nellie Sherwood.

Grace Sherwood
(John's wife)

John Jr., Pauline, Nell, Imo.
behind Imo is Cleo & Edna 18

Charley Sherwood

Charley W. Sherwood, son of William Charles and Mary (Parsons) Sherwood, was born October 23, 1877 and died at the young age of 4 years old on February 25, 1882. Charley was buried in the Cedar Lake Cemetery. Charley's burial stone remains in that cemetery but his father later placed his remains with his mother in the Waterloo Mausoleum. A photo of Charley follows.

Edward Sherwood, son of Charles and Mary (Parsons) Sherwood, was born in DeKalb County on May 7, 1882. Ed never married and lived alone in a tiny house at the back of his employer's property. Ed is thought to have been a farm laborer and a carpenter.

Ed died in 1930 and was laid to rest in the Cedar Lake Cemetery of Waterloo. Ed is in the family photograph with his parents and brothers and sisters.

Elizabeth Catherine Sherwood, daughter of William Charles and Mary (Parsons) Sherwood, was called either Eliza or Sis. Eliza was born March 21, 1885, in DeKalb County, Indiana, in a place that few could claim as their birth place, the middle of the road of what is now called Highway 6. Their family home was being moved slowly by oxen and horses and had been stopped on the dirt road for the night as it was a large house and it took a great deal of time to move.

Eliza and her siblings went to Mud School which was located on what is now called the Auburn/Ashley Road.

Eliza then met her future husband, George Pairan. It seems that the Sherwood girls and the Pairan boys dated or 'went around together' as it was called back then. Eliza and George Adolph Pairan married on November 7, 1905 in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Eliza's first pregnacy resulted in a miscarriage and George and Eliza's son, George Parion, Jr. died of spinal mengitus at one month of age. One year later George and Eliza adopted a daughter, Phyllis. The family lived in many places. At one time this family resided in Sedan so that George could take care of Grandma Mary and work on the railroad. For a while George ran a shoe shop in Auburn, Indiana. Twice the family lived in Corunna, the first time being when Phyllis was only 2 years old. The family later moved to Michigan and remained there.

The Cedar Lake Church was the family's first church. The family always belonged to the First Christian Church and was very active in church doings.

Eliza did in-home nursing for many years, including the taking care of expecting mothers. Eliza worked for Acme Chair Company for 5 years.

Eliza died August 9, 1970 and is buried in California, Michigan. George died Nov. 9, 1968 and is also buried in the California Cemetery. Photos follow.

Eliza Sherwood Pairan

Dad-Mom. me.
Pairan.
George, Eliza & Phyllis Pairan

Elizah Sherwood

Aunt Elizah
Age - 68 yrs.

Benjamin Harrison Sherwood, called Ben in later years, was born in DeKalb County on January 2, 1886 to William Charles and Mary (Parsons) Sherwood. Benney, as he was called by his mother, married Mary Rozetta Stoup, who went by the name Rosa.

Ben and Rosa's family comprised of the following children: Orbia, Mary, Benjamin, Neva, Marjorie, Leroy and one more child possibly named Leland. It is remembered with a smile that when Ben's children would get mad and decide to 'run away' as most youngsters do, and they ran to Eliza and George's house, sometimes staying as long as a summer.

Lapaz, Indiana was the home of this branch of the Sherwood family. It is thought that Ben's children lived in the Plymouth, Indiana area. Ben is in one of the family photos and his wife is in two of them.

FRONT: Imogene Mills Dilgard, Edna Sherwood Baird, Nell Sherwood Carteaux, Elsie Sherwood Allen.

BACK: John V. Sherwood, Hilda, Grace, Uncle Edward Sherwood (John's Brother).

Carl Peck, son of Lucy (Sherwood) and Henry Peck, is unknown except that he lived with his parents for some time in Michigan.

Lauelle Peck was raised in Michigan by parents Lucy (Sherwood) and Henry Peck.

Lauella and her husband had only one child, a daughter named Rachel. This Willets family lived in a very large, beautiful old home that had ornate woodwork on the outside. This home was quite a distance from the road with large evergreens almost obscuring it from view and there was a long cement walk from the house to the mailbox by the road. Some of the Sherwood Family Reunions were held there with both Indiana and Michigan Sherwoods atending.

Lauella's brother-in-law owned the Reading Lumber Company. Lauell's husband died quite young and Lauella stayed on the farm and raised Rachel by herself. Since the farm was quite large and Lauella had it farmed she is thought to not have had to work outside the home.

Lauella was very short and thin, this being emphasized with the long black dresses she wore. Lauella was quite dressy and neat, always having her hair tidy in a bun at the base of her neck. Lauella's daughter, Rachel, is remembered as shorter and heavier than her mother. Lauella and her husband are in one of the family photos.

Eliza Peck was born to Lucy (Sherwood) and Henry Peck. Eliza was raised in Michigan.

Vitella Peck is the daughter of Lucy (Sherwood) and Henry Peck. Vitella resided in Michigan with her 3 brothers and sisters and parents. Vitella's married name was Foster.

Dempster Peck is the son of Lucy (Sherwood) and Henry Peck. Dempster had red haired.

Lyle Peck is the son of Lucy (Sherwood) and Henry Peck. Either Lyle or his brother Dempter was tall and thin and the other was a little heavier. Lyle had red hair, like his brother, Dempster.

The Fourth Sherwood Generation

George Elijah Sherwood was born on July 12, 1895, the oldest child of Elijah and Lizzie (Chandler) Sherwood, two miles west of Waterloo, Indiana. George's early years were spent helping on the farm and going to a country school a few miles away. Since he was the oldest child and his mother was frequently ill, he also learned to help her by cooking, cleaning and even mending. George was forced to leave school after the eighth grade to help full time on the farm. Although this was the end of his formal education, George continued his self education all his life, and was among other things a licensed electrician.

On June 6, 1924, George married Anna Christina Freed in Metz, Indiana. Anna, later called Ann, born in DeKalb County on December 28, 1903, was the oldest of three children to John and Libby (Albright) Freed. Ann grew up on a farm about five miles northwest of where George lived. Both George and Ann attended Cedar Lake Church of Christ where they undoubtedly met. Although Ann did not attend high school, she did graduate from courses at International Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

After their marriage, George and Ann moved to Youngstown, Ohio, for a short time. Their next move was back to a farm south of Auburn, Indiana where their first daughter, Beverly Dean, was born. Even though George always worked at other jobs, farming was their main occupation for many years. Ann was a homemaker and helped George on the farm. Their second and third daughters, Dorothy Alice and Shirley Ann, were born on a farm north of Waterloo.

George and Ann's next move was to a farm they bought from George's father in 1936. This was 160 acres adjacent to his father's farm and was at one time owned by Elijah's (George's father's) brother John. This was to be their last farm. They retired from here but owned it until their deaths.

George was active in organizations and service clubs where he used his talents and leadership. George and Ann both remained active in the Cedar Lake Church where they were members until they retired and moved to Auburn. George was a Sunday School teacher in the Church for many years. After moving to Auburn they became members of the First Christian Church of Auburn.

Although George had few formal music lessons, music was always a very important part of his life and his daughters grew up with music always in the home. He became an accomplished violinist, pianist and organist. George played the piano and organ for his Church for many years and also at many activities throughout the county. He was also a member of an orchestra for quite a few years and when George was not playing the piano or organ in the Church, he was directing the choir.

A story is vaguely remembered by George's daughter, Bev, that her father wanted to 'run away' at age 16 or 17 years old. Bev remembers the story as her father wanted to go to New York so he went to his Grandpa Charles Sherwood and got enough money to go. George stayed there for awhile and then decided to come home.

George & Ann Sherwood
August 10, 1924

George & Ann Sherwood
Christmas 1969

During the Second World War both George and Ann worked in factories to help in the defense effort. George also drove a school bus for Ashley School for twenty-five years.

Ann was basically a homemaker but held several jobs outside the home at various times. Among other accomplishments, she was an excellent seamstress and cook.

George and Ann's home was always open to anyone in need and there was never a time when there was no one except the family living there. In later years, their home was a foster home for many boys. They took them into their home and raised them as their own for the years that they were in their care.

George died in their Auburn home on October 16, 1971. Ann lived on until her death on November 4, 1994. Their final resting place is in the Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna. Surviving Ann were 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The following poem was created in memory of Ann Sherwood by her grandson, David Langley.

In Memory of Grandma Sherwood

I see it in Jimmy when he
    is patient with his little nephue.
I see it in Luke when he
    is so happy to give to another.
I see it in Kara Lee when she
    smiles at everything.
I see it in Megan's eyes when she
    holds her dolly.
It is a pure and simple love.
Grandma Sherwood lived a full life
    of living purely on love.
I see this pure and gentle love
    living on through Grandma Sherwood's
    great grandchildren.
        Thanks to God.

George Sherwood

George Elijah Sherwood

BACK: Charles & Mary Sherwood, a cousin, Louella Willets & husband, Ed Sherwood, Jay Meade.
2nd Row: Rose Sherwood (Ben's wife), Grace & John Sherwood, Elijah & Lizzie Sherwood.
FRONT: Alice Sherwood, Eliza Pairn, George, Jennie and cousin Edna Baird.

Jennie Elizabeth Sherwood, daughter of Elijah and Lizzie (Chandler) Sherwood, was born near St. Joe, in Smithfield Twp., DeKalb County on September 26, 1898. Jennie was raised at the Sherwood Homestead and attended Cedar Lake Grade School and about 9 months at Waterloo High School. She was unable to finish high school as her father had her drop out to help at home.

Jennie married Gervis L. Sebring on July 19, 1919 in DeKalb County but realizing it as a mistake Jennie quickly divorced Mr. Sebring. Jennie later married Wilbur Emmett Walter, called Pete, on November 22, 1922 in DeKalb County.

Pete Walter was born February 23, 1894 on the Walter Homestead in DeKalb County. Pete's parents were Joseph J. III and Miranda M. (Moody) Walter. Joseph Walter, 2nd. was his paternal grandfather.

Jennie was a quiet, nonaggressive, nonargumentive and penny-wise person. As a fulltime homemaker, Jennie spent her spare time crocheting dolies. During her lifetime, Jennie was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, the WSCS of Meese Chapel Methodist Church, and the American Legion Auxiliary of St. Joe. Jennie is remembered as always carrying Chicklet gum to give her grandchildren.

Jennie's husband, Pete, was in the Armed Services and served in World War I. Pete's occupations were railroad conductor on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad for 4 years, farmer, dairy farmer, dairy business owner, grocery store owner, appliance store owner, and finally a retired businessman who knew how to conserve assets and get the best deals available. One of the Hamilton dryers that Pete sold in his store back in the 1940s is still in running condition in Claude and Velda Sherwood's home! Since Pete was a World War I Vetern, he later became a member of the American Legion and a member of the Grange. While working for the railroad Pete's physical description was: 6'6", brown haired, and blue eyed. His weight at the time was only 175 pounds. Pete's parents were Joseph J. Walter III and Miranda (Moody) Walter. Pete graduated from high school in 1911.

Pete and Jennie's children were: Betty Marie, Billie Jean, Robert Jack, Joseph Elijah, Patrica Jane and Sue Elizabeth. While Jennie was preganant with her first child, Betty, she was in an auto accident and Jennie lost a few fingers. After Betty was born she got Spinal Menjitus. Since Jennie was very sick after the birth, Jennie's sister, Alice, came and helped take care of Betty.

Pete and Jenny raised their children in the St. Joe countryside. Much later after the children were moved away Pete built Jennie a smaller home next door to the larger family home. Jennie was able to live in her new home only a short time. A sudden and unexpected heart attack claimed the life of Jennie, age 64, as she sat at the breakfast table at their home on Sunday morning, September 30, 1962. Jennie had been under a doctor's care in the past months for a heart ailment but a heart attack is never expected. Mrs. Walter died instantly from the seizure. Services were held at St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe. Jennie's final resting place is Woodlawn Cemetery.

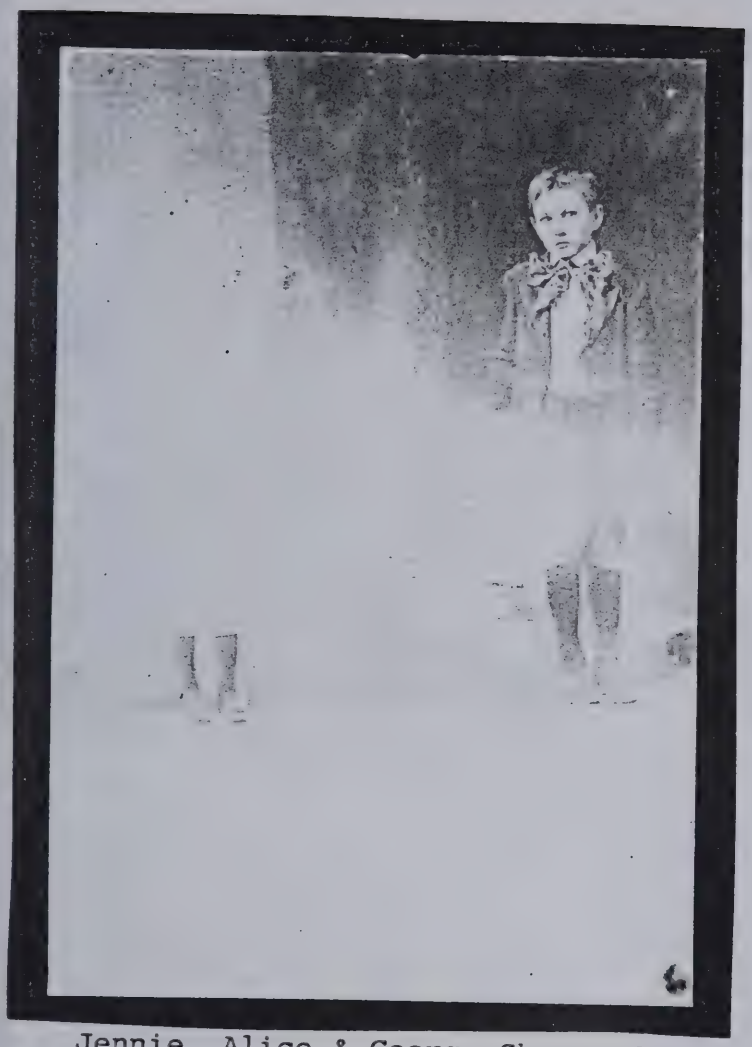
Pete enjoyed playing a small organ. Whenever the grandkids would visit Pete would make an enormous pan of buttered popcorn for everyone to eat. He also carried 3-Musketeers candy bars in the glove box of his car to give to the grandkids. During the depression years Pete ran a grocery store and probably saved lives with the bread and milk he gave to people with nothing for themselves or their families to eat. Pete is rememberd as a warm and kind person. Pete gained much weight as the years went by and had a familiar gesture of rubbing the palm of his hand back over his crew cut styled hair.

Pete remarried to Gertrude B. Trowbridge Hartman on August 29, 1965. Pete died January 12, 1974 at 2:30 AM in DeKalb County and was buried alongside Jennie in the Woodlawn Cemetery. Jennie and her husband Pete are pictured on page 17 and Jennie is in the family photo with her parents and siblings on page 11.

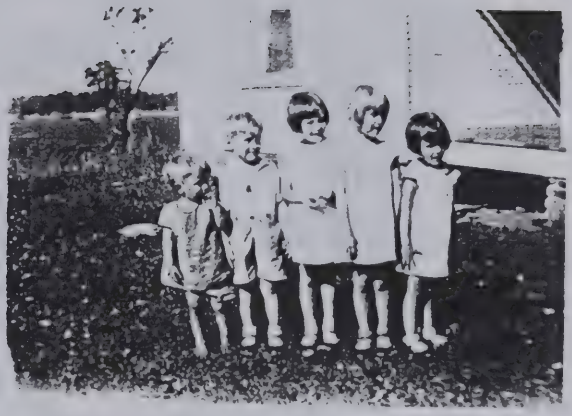
Jennie, George & Alice Sherwood

The Walter Girls
Jeannie with Pat & Sue

Jennie & Sue Walter



Jennie, Alice & George Sherwood



Joe & Bob Walter
Beverly Sherwood,
Billie & Pat Walter

Wilbur (Pete) Walter
Bob (Pete) & Joe Walter

Jennie with her
brother George
and sister Alice.

Grandma Jennie Walter
Jackie, Jane, Jimmy, Margie

Jennie & Wilbur (Pete) Walter
around 1960

Bob (Pete) & father Pete Walter
1967

Jennie & Pete Walter
Christmas 1952

Wilbur & Jennie Walter

Alice Viola Sherwood was born to Elijah and Lizzie (Chandler) Sherwood on November 20, 1902 in DeKalb County. Before Alice went to school she decided she didn't like the name Alice so she started having people call her Jane. Alice's family and future husband always called her Alice but nieces and nephues and some of her friends called her Jane. We will refer to her family name Alice.

Alice graduated from Waterloo School in 1920 and started on her adventure as a successful career girl. Alice is remembered by her niece, Billie, as always looking so elegantly dressed and looking so nice. Alice would visit the hair dresser and always have such pretty nails. Billie always wanted to be like her. Another niece of Alice's, Beverly, remembers Beverly's mother remaking Alice's dresses for her and her sisters. The material was always so fine and when the dresses were taken apart and remade they were like new dresses and fit the girls perfectly.

Alice married Arlo E. King on May 11, 1943. After Arlo left the service in 1945 he and Alice moved back to DeKalb County, Indiana.

Alice and Arlo live northwest of the town of Waterloo on the farm where Arlo had lived all his life. This farm has been in Arlo's family since it was first issued from the United States government. Arlo's great, great grandfather was a cheese maker from Germany. A cheese factory was built on the land between their original home and the house they live in now. The cheese recipe was later sold to Fred Marolf, Sr.,the founder of County Line Cheese Company (founded in 1913) and the King cheese factory was then tore down. The lumber from the factory was used to build the house Arlo and Alice lived in for many years. This home was sold to Arlo and Alice's great niece and her husband, Jackie and Jim Hoff and was later purchased by their son, Jason Hoff. Arlo and Alice resided in a home they had built.

Alice was a sweet and warm person and a homemaker all her married life. Before meeting Arlo, Alice was an executive secretary which during those early years was quite an accomplishment for a woman.

Arlo is a kind and intelligent man who knew how to work hard and save for a rainy day. Arlo farmed and milked cows for many years while also being a serviceman for bulk-tanks and other farm equipment. One of the places Arlo worked was for his nephue's business, Walter Dairy Equipment. Arlo served as a member of the DeKalb Co. Extension Service Advisory Board and was a part of the DeKalb Co. Farm Bureau Credit Union for many years.

Alice died in August, 1996. Lovely Alice can be seen in many of the following photos.

Alice Sherwood

Alice (Jane), George & Jennie Sherwood

Alice (Jane) Sherwood
8th Grade Graduation

Alice (Jane) & Arlo King

Alice Sherwood King - 1970

Alice & Arlo

Alice (Jane)
1973

Alice (Jane) Sherwood
igh School Graduation Photo

Alice Sherwood & Billie
Tuesday, June 6, 1939

Arlo & Aunt Jane (Alice) King

Clare Sherwood was born the son of Elijah and Lizzie (Chandler) Sherwood on August 24, 1904. Clare died the day of his birth.

Edwin Theodore Sherwood, son of Elijah and Lizzie (Chandler) Sherwood, was born in DeKalb County on June 19, 1908. Prior to begining school Edwin decided he did not like the name Edwin so he started having everyone call him Pete. Unlike his sister Alice who wanted to go by Jane, even his family called him Pete.

There didn't seem much time for play while growing up on the farm. Pete does remember once square dancing in the front yard when a church group got together. Memories seem to bring back the hard work on the farm. His father worked hard and expected everyone else to do the same. There were years after George had moved away from home that Pete did all the team and tractor work while his father did the chores and support work. This strong work ethic could only have aided Pete in later years of study and work.

The Cedar Lake School was a one room schoolhouse that is still strong in Pete's memory. The school was located one mile from their home and, of course, they walked to school as did everyone of that time. After 8th grade graduation, Pete went on to graduate from Waterloo High School in the last graduating class out of the original Waterloo school house in 1925. It can only be assumed that even Pete's early education of grammer school and then, of course, his high school years had an effect on Pete's going to the University.

In his 19th year Pete left home one Sunday morning, going to church, his brother's house, and then hopping onto an inner urban train for Lafeyette. His desire was so great for more education that he had to go against his father's wishes that he stay on the farm. Running towards his destiny, Pete attained a $100 loan for his University fees and then started earning his keep while attending Purdue. By the end of his first year Pete's grades were so high that he was considered a Distinguished Student and the university extended him the remaining 3 years of studies without fee. This scholarship, as we would call it today, aided Pete in spending more time with his studies.

Four years later, in 1931, Pete graduated with a B.S.E.E. degree. He graducated with distinction and an elected Eta Kappa Nu (an electrical engineering fraternity), Tau Beta Pi (an all engineering fraternity), and Kappa Phi Sigma honorary (literary fraternity). All of these attainments in the scholastic fraternities were elected positions due to his schlastic standings. In 1936 Pete earned his EE, a professional engineering degree, also at Purdue University.

While working on his first engineering job at A. O. Smith Corporation, a manufacturing company in Milwaukee, Pete met his future wife, Marguerite Ruth Loueloff of Milwaukee. Pete was an electrical engineer and Marguerite was the company librarian. There was a major lay off of employees in the spring of 1932 and both Pete and Marguerite found themselves without work.

Edwin (Pete) Sherwood

Edwin (Pete) at Purdue

Edwin Sherwood - 1939

When layed off from A. O. Smith Company a friend of Pete's found him a job selling newspaper subscriptions for Wisconsin News. Since this was door-to-door sales during the depression years it is no surprise that Pete doesn't remember having sold a single subscription. After a couple of months in this position the news office put him in a supervisor position over some of the news boys. After a time Pete went on to the Sentinel Newspaper to work as a section manager. In the spring of 1934 Pete was contacted by Globe-Union, Inc. and hired as an Electronic Engineer. Following retirement from Globe-Union Pete spent 15 years teaching in the Electrical Engineering Dept. of the Milwaukee School of Engineering and retiring as Professor Emeratus.

Marguerite was luckier with her first position after the lay off and went to work at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. She stayed there until 1936 when she got married. At that time this insurance company did not allow married women as employees and so Marguerite had to quit.

On September 12, 1936 Pete and Marguerite married. Pete's sister Alice stood up with Marguerite and a fraternity brother stood up with Pete. Pete and Marguerite built a home in Milwaukee and lived there for 40 years. After retirement Pete and Marguerite moved to a retirement apartment complex in Milwaukee where Pete still lives.

Pete was very active through the years by chairing many engineering groups. He was also on the Board of Directors and later President of Glove-Union Credit Union.

During WW II Pete was not allowed by the company he worked for to join the Armed Services as they needed him for Naval Ordance work. Working closely with the government meant Pete had to shuttle back and forth to Washington D.C.

Pete's interests have been gardening, fishing, photography and travel. Marguerite liked interior decorating, traveling and fishing. She once caught a 25 pound muskee that was 45" long!

This lovely couple traveled Europe extensively, beginning in 1957 and in 1966 they enjoyed a world-wide excursion that lasted six weeks. China, Hong Kong, Cambodia, India, Greece, Switerland, England, France, Japan, Thailand, Israel, Hungary, Iran, and Austria are countries they visited. There were seven European tours altogether, counting the world-wide tour. Pete and Marguerite enjoyed learning a little french and german language before staring their travel.

Marguerite was born September 29, 1909. Her studies included high school, the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and further studies as a concert pianist. Marguerite remained a homemaker all of her married life and was very active in the same organizations as Pete. These included the Masonic Lodge, Blue Lodge Chapter, the Shrine, and the Eastern Star. This couple was active in these organizations for about 10 years. Pete held many offices in each and also was the 'Worthy Patron' in the Star which was the top male office. Marguerite also held elected offices in the Star. Pete and Maruerite both became Bahels about 1957, an event which changed their lives greatly.

They became chairman and secretary of several national Behor committees which included the Area Teaching Committee for the states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin and culminating in their attendance at the First International Bahar Conference held in the Royal Albert Hall in London, England the first week in May, 1963. It was attended by some 7500 Bahars from all over the world including the newly elected members of the First Universal House of Justice who would reside at the International Bahar Center on Mount Carmel in Haifa, Israel.

Marguerite died on Febrauray 3, 1989, at age 79.

Pete is a wonderful gentleman with a warm and giving personality. He presently has an apartment in Alexian Village of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The eloquence of Pete's home speaks of him.

Pete & Marguerite's Wedding
Bostetter, Edwin (Pete), Marguerite, Alice

Edwin & Marguerite
50th Wedding Anniversary

Edwin (Pete) Sherwood

Marion Rohm (possibly this first name was Martha) was the daughter of Lucy (Sherwood) and Lewis Rohm.

Ralph Rohm was the son of Lucy (Sherwood) and Lewis Rohm.

Dick Rohm (possibly this first name was Alfred) was the son of Lucy (Sherwood) and Lewis Rohm.

Ruth Husselman was born to Lucy (Sherwood) and Calvin Husselman, a farmer from Richmond, Virginia.

Edna Catherine Sherwood was the eldest child of John and Grace (Conkey) Sherwood, born on July 9, 1904 and raised in Auburn, Indiana.

Edna married and later divorced Jay Southerland. A daughter was born of this union. After her death this daughter was buried north of the Mausoleum in Waterloo. Edna married Clifford Baird of Waterloo on December 6, 1923. Clifford was born April 16, 1902 and he and Edna had the following children: Betty, Roma, Buddy L., Richard Lee, and Charles Laverne, Jr. Clifford died May 26, 1959 and Edna died October 14, 1981 Edna is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn, Section B.

Edna (Sherwood) & Clifford Baird

CHILDREN OF CLIFFORD & EDNA BAIRD
TOP: Buddy Baird & Richard L. Baird
BOTTOM: Betty M. Baird Custer,
Charles L. Baird, Roma L. Baird Baker.

Elsia Ruth Sherwood, was born December 26, 1905, the daughter of John and Grace (Conkey) Sherwood. Elsie's first husband was a man named Burns. They had a son, Bobby Burns and a daughter Dorothy Burns. Elsie next married Vaughn Allen (might be spelt Von or LaVon) of Spencerville. Buck, as Von was called by his family and friends, was born November 17, 1905. Elsia and Buck had four children, two were named Maryland Ruth, and June Imogene Allen.

Elsia died April 10, 1945, age 39 years. Buck died May 5, 1968.

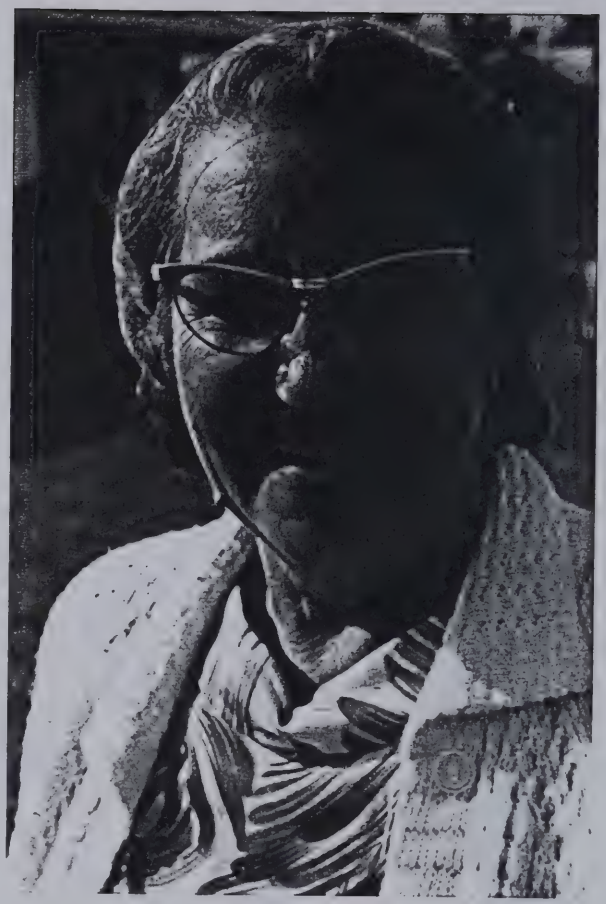
CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN
OF JOHN V. & GRACE A. Sherwood
Alice Dilgard, Roy Dilgard, Bob Burns, Cleo Sherwood, Pauline Sherwood, Dorothy Burns, Imogene Allen, Betty Baird, Roma Baird, Wilbur Baird.

Nellie Marie Sherwood, called Nell, was the daughter of John and Grace (Conkey) Sherwood, born November 4, 1907.

During the 1920s both Nellie and her sister, Pauline, were let to live with another family, the Lotz. Nellie was adopted by the Lotz family but Pauline returned home.

Nell married Ted Carteaux of Fort Wayne. Nell and Ted had the following five children: Robert, Ted, Margaret, John and Pete. Nell and Ted's family lived in Fort Wayne.

After Nell's husband died she lived at Turkey Lake. Nell died of cancer on August 8, 1974.



Nell Sherwood Carteaux

Nell, Ted, & children: Ted, Pete, Bob, Margaret, John

Hilda Mae Sherwood, daughter of John and Grace (Conkey) Sherwood was born on February 7, 1909. Hilda married Ray Wilbur Baird of Steuben County, Indiana. Ray was born December 17, 1903. A point of interest is that Ray's brother, Clifford, married Hilda's sister, Edna. Many Sherwood descendants have the last name Baird. Hilda and Ray had twelve children, one little boy that died of pneumonia and two other children born premature. These 3 children were Dallas Clare, Myrlin Winfred, and Gary Lee. The remaining children were: Wilbur Wayne, Lyle Edward, Donald Eugene, Patty LaVonne, Billy Gene, Evelyn Roberta, Larry Dean, JackLeon and Terena Rae. Hilda is thought to have lived around the Butler area. Ray died July 1, 1962 and Hilda died December 24, 1971.

Blanch Naomi Sherwood was the daughter of John and Grace (Conkey) Sherwood, born September 17, 1910. Blanch married Robert Fuller of Michigan. Bob and Blanch lived with Bob's parents in Michigan, where Blanch died on Nobember 10, 1974. There were no children of this union.

Claude Victor Sherwood, called Pete, is the son of John and Grace (Conkey) Sherwood, born December 10, 1911. Claude has been called Pete since the third grade when one boy called him that and everyone else just seemed to follow suite. Pete raised his family on a farm in Churubusco, Indiana.

Pete met and married Velda Fulk of Noble County. After first marrying, this couple resided on Midway Drive in Auburn, Indiana and in 1935 they bought a home in Auburn that cost $1,500. Back then a week's worth of groceries cost $2.50. Pete and Velda were to remain living in Auburn for 10 years. Two children were born to this couple: Joan Ruth and Karen Kae. Velda's parents were Frank and Bertha (Eberly) Fulk.

Pete and Velda's family always enjoyed attending their family church, the Ari Church of God. Pete was a Sunday School teacher for about 20 years.

Pete received a $25 inheritance from an unknown New York Sherwood in 1932. At this time Pete was in need of electrical shock treatments for his leg and was able to get them thanks to the inheritance.

Family togetherness was felt by all at the annual Sherwood reunions which were usually held at Pete and Marie's farm. Sometimes there was a rotation of where to hold the reunion, once having been in Michigan at Lucy (Sherwood) Peck's home. In this Sherwood family the holidays are usually remembered by special foods and no matter which of her children celebrated the holidays in their home Velda prepared her delicious chicken and noodles.

Pete was the first of his 2 younger brothers and himself to work at the Auburn Foundry. Pete can remember starting in the winter of 1929 until being layed off during the depression in the summer of 1931. Pete was called back in December of 1934 and stayed until the spring of 1944. His job was the making

Claud Sherwood - 1940
-favorite past time-

Claude Sherwood and Wife
Vesta 1942

Claude (Pete) and daughters
Joan & Karen - 1942

of molds. Pete was an electrician, at the same time. Pete started farming after they purchased their family farm in Churbusco. His farm tractor was a 1941 Farmall.

The family always 'did' the Auburn Fair each year. A fishing vacation was taken annually by Pete and his fishing buddy from 1960 to 1980 when his fishing partner died. Since his friend's death, Pete no longer has a desire to take faishing vacations.

Pete is now retired and still lives with Velda on their family farm. This lovely couple recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

John & Helda Sherwood

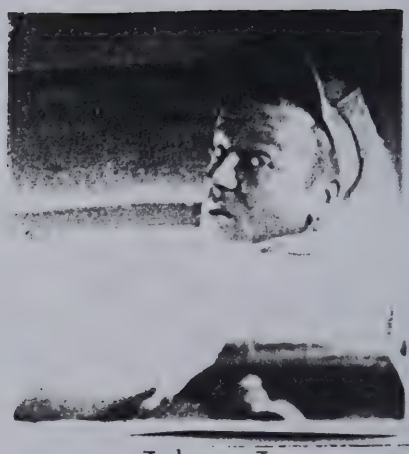
nny & father John Sherwood - 1957

John VanGusbeck Sherwood, Jr. (not to be confused with his father John) is the son of John and Grace Anna (Conkey Mills) Sherwood. John was a Christmas baby, born December 25, 1913.

John was raised in Auburn, Indiana and on June 26, 1937 married Hilda Gingrich of DeKalb County. John and Hilda had three children: John, Jr., Harry, and Sharon. John and Hilda first raised their family in California and then moved to Arizona and then back to Auburn, Indiana.

For 40 years John was an Auburn Foundry worker and foreman. John was a member of the Auburn Methodist Church, Auburn American Legion and the Waterloo VFW post.

Auburn's Norland Park was the family home at the time of John's death on May 8, 1975. John had been ill for 7 months before dying of cancer. Funeral services were held at the Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home and John was buried in the Union Cemetery. Hilda died July 16, 1992.



John, Jr.

Pauline

Pauline Sherwood, the daughter of John and Grace (Conkey) Sherwood was born October 3, 1917 in a chicken coop which her family was using for temporary housing on the farmstead in Smithfield Twp, Indiana. Their house had burned and the new home was still under construction.

Pauline married Harry Hovarter on August 1, 1934 in Albion, Indiana. Pauline and Harry's two children are John Dale and Caroline Sue.

This Sherwood family's home was in Richland Township, southwest of Corunna where Harry farmed and worked for the schools as a bus driver and later as a custodian. While both were active in politics, Harry was a Republican Precinct Committeeman and party worker for years. Pauline's family background included art and Harry's included music. Their family attended Maple Grove United Methodist Church. Pauline died June 2, 1983 and rests in the Corunna Cemetery.

Cleo Wayne Sherwood, Sr. was born to John and Grace (Conkey) Sherwood on December 20, 1918. During his growing years Cleo lived in St. Joe and Spencerville and once by Ashley. Times are remembered as being "tough" back then. Once when Cleo was about 18 years old he had his appendix removed in the Auburn hospital and when he was released he had to walk home. His appendix was so long that it was wrapped around his intestines!

Cleo and his brother John always looked up to their big brother, Pete, which is why the boys got interested in working at the Auburn Foundry when Pete worked there. Cleo remained working in the foundry all his working life and after 20 years he became the office manager. At the time of Cleo's retirement it took four people to replace him.

Cleo met and married Valena Tarter, called Marie, of Auburn. Cleo was his mother's little baby so when Cleo married, his mother took Cleo's wife aside and started explaining what to do for him if he got a cold, and other important tid bits of advice. Marie weathered the instructions until Cleo's mother could see that Marie could take care of her husband without help.

Marie, like Cleo, grew up in a large family. There were 8 children in Marie's family. Marie was born in Illinois and her parents were from Louiville and then Champain, Illinois, and later Connersville before moving to Auburn because of the Cord Duesenburg plant.

Cleo and Marie had two children, Cleo Wayne and Judith. Cleo was still called Cleo and his son went by his middle name, Wayne. Cleo was a perfectionist and wasn't patient with youth. As is often the case traits of the parents are carried down to the children and this perfectionism is carried through to his daughter while Wayne inherited his father's artistic talents.

Cleo had a variety of interests but the one that sticks out in everyone's memory the most is his portrait photography. In the beginning Cleo had to hand color his photos as color film had not bee invented, but that didn't bother Cleo because it just gave him another chance to use his creative abilities. The photography started out as a hobby but he later joined the Fort Wayne Camera Club and would have liked to do photography as a career. Cleo liked to create scenes, like the time he had a school room scene with grasshoppers posing in front of a black board. This particular scene was made into a huge print in his dark room. Nature pictures was another way Cleo used his creativeity. Cleo was also an amerateur radio operator.

Cleo and his siblings remained close through the years and that closeness resulted in the Sherwood Family Reunion which began around 1950. Cleo's family attended the reunions with great relish and continued the family togetherness throughout the year by visiting family members as often as possible. The cousins grew up knowing the feeling of extended family.

Cleo died on July 15, 1992 of a lung tumor with numerous infections, causing severed arteries. Cancer also attacked 5 other siblings. Marie remained bed ridden many years, living in her own home with her son, Wayne, until 1996 when she died.

FRONT: Pauline, Cleo, unknown
MIDDLE: unknown, Grace, Imo, unknown, Carl Dilard
BACK: unknown, unknown, John,Jr, Velda, Claude.

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Cleo & Marie - January, 1959

Marie Sherwood

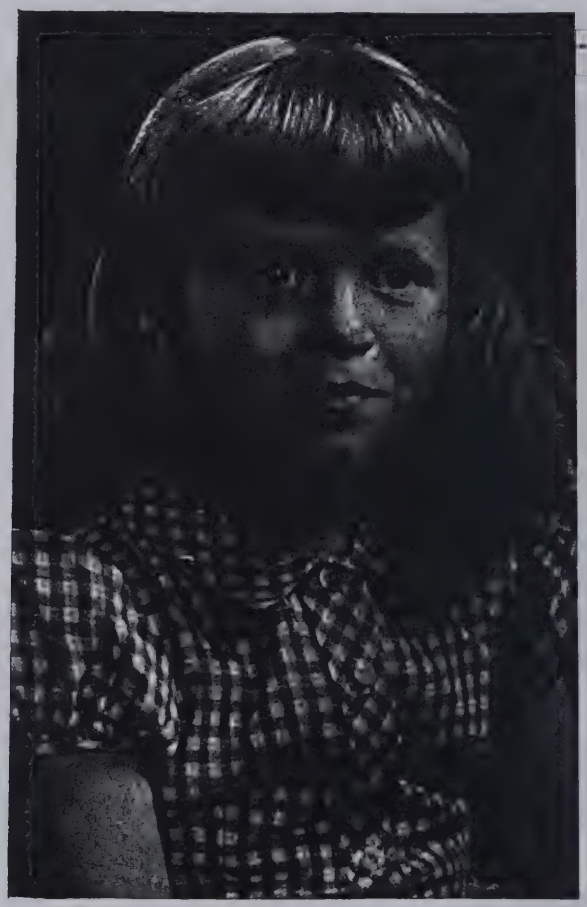


Photo of Judi
taken by Cleo

Cleo Sherwood

Imo
Hilda John, Sr. Edna
Nell Pauline
- around 1909 -

Clarence J. Mills, the step-son of John Sherwood and son of Grace Sherwood was born June 14, 1896. Clarence was raised along with John and Grace's 9 children, was in the United States Navy, and later lived in Kendallville, Indiana before moving to California.

Clarence died in California, having previously lost touch with the Sherwood family.

Imogene Mills, the step-daughter of John Sherwood and daughter of Grace Sherwood was born on December 6, 1898 and was raised with their 9 children. Imogene Mills married Carl Dilgard of the Auburn area. Imogene and Carl had the following four children: Roy, Bob, Alice and Sandy.

Imogene is remembered as a warm and giving person. She died May 9, 1975.

Imo

George Pairan, Jr., born August 1, 1918, was the son of Eliza Catherine (Sherwood) and George Pairan. Little George, being born with spinal mengitus, only lived one month, dying on September 14, 1918.

Pyllis Marie Pairan, the adopted daughter of Eliza Catherine (Sherwood) and George Pairan was born September 11, 1919 at the McMillen Home for Unwed Mothers in Fort Wayne, Indiana. When Phyllis was only 4 days old Eliza and George came to get her by way of the inner urban train track that ran directly from Hwy 6 to the Landing in Fort Wayne. They picked their little girl up and brought her back to Waterloo by way of the same inner urban train. What a delightful mode of travel for such a little one.

In looking back at her childhood Phyllis recalls the trips to the Corunna bank. She was quite young but was given the responsibility of taking the family's 50¢ to the bank each Monday morning and then walking back by Freed's Grocery to get her 4¢ ice cream cone to eat on the walk back home.

Phyllis at 19 months

One of the neighbor kids, Bob, and Phyllis used to share getting into trouble. One time Phyllis was mad at Bob so she put grease in his hair, and boy was her bottom warmed for that. And then there was the time Phyllis and Bob got into a tomato throwing contest in the garden and their little bottoms were warmed. And then there was the time Phyllis 'ran away' with her new shoes on. Maybe just for spite Phyllis kicked off one of her new shoes onto a train traveling under the Corunna bridge. But whether for spite or not her little bottom was warmed again. And then there was the time....

A favorite memory of Phyllis' is her father's candy-apple red Eugersol motorcycle with it's left hand shift. George needed to use it to get back and forth to work and as a treat Phyllis was allowed to walk to the bridge to meet him on his way home and ride the rest of the way down the hill with him. That was the good memory but there was one time when Phyllis seemed to have gotten into trouble for one thing or another and her mother said she could not go for the ride with her dad that day. That eventful day was the one where someone backed their car out right in front of George's oncoming motorcycle. George was thrown up into the tree and his shoulder blade was broken. The doctor came from Garrett and gave George wiskey as a pain killer

while his shoulder was getting set. During that summer the family moved back to the Sherwood Homestead and Phyllis started first grade that fall at Cedar Lake School. Phyllis walked to school each day and her favorite teacher was Helen Ellert.

When Phyllis was ready to start 3rd grade the family moved to Camden, Michigan onto a 48 acre farm and she attended the Burg School. While on this farm her father farmed his own farm and worked as a laborer on other farms around him, while her mother worked taking care of sick people by day in their homes.

Phyllis can remember her love of horses when she was a child. She remembers her Grandpa Charles Sherwood wanting to give her a horse so, possibly not knowing how to give such a gift to his granddaughter, he gave a work horse to her father instead.

At age 12, Phyllis started working for money. She went 2 times a week, sometimes more, usually on Thursdays and Fridays to clean and sometimes cook for a neighbor lady and made 50¢ a day.

Phyllis was only able to attend $\frac{1}{2}$ year of high school due to the cost and lack of transportation, but she really enjoyed that $\frac{1}{2}$ year of high school.

Phyllis started to date at 16 and met her husband-to-be at a free show in Camden that year. Reno was new to the town and shared his bag of peanuts that night with the group of kids Phyllis was with. They started dating the next year.

Phyllis married Reno Gaylen Champion on October 23, 1937. The first place Phyllis and Reno lived was with her father George Pairan. This was where there first child was born. Eliza, her mother, was there, too, except when she was working and sometimes George was there also.

The following four children were born to Phyllis and Reno: Leona Marie, Larry Gayland, Ronald Wayne and Robert Lynn.

Reno and Phyllis then bought a mini farm by Berry Lake and when Reno was called up to service in WW II Phyllis moved to Reading, Michigan to live and work.

Reno served in World War II in the 82nd Air Born Paratroopers. While fighting at the Battle of the Bulge he was one of only two survivors of Company F, being injured 70% and awarded the Purple Heart. With the 70% disability much rehabilitation was required while he was working for Michigan Gas and Utilities Company for the next 11 years. During this time Reno also worked at the Quincy Cemetery.

The family lived in Plymouth, Indiana for 4 years and then moved to Montgomery, Michigan for 4 years. During this time Reno worked for Weatherhead factory in Angola. The family then moved on to Coldwater, Michigan where they rented half of a house. While living in Coldwater Reno worked at the gas company and Phyllis cleaned the Ritz Hotel. They then purchased a property with the frame of a house on it and finished it themselves. Next there was a little farm in Quincy for 2 years and then on into tbe town of Quincy for the next 35 years.

Reno and Phyllis were both active in church and in the Disabled Veterans Association. Phyllis remains active in both.

Phyllis & Grandad
Sherwood
at Lide's house

Reno & Phyllis

SHERWOOD REUNION at the park in Auburn - May 12, 1949.
Named as if in one row: Wilbur (Pete) Walter, Hilda Baird, Nell Carteaux, Imogene Mayer (Elsie's daughter), Ted Carteaux, Claude Sherwood, Roma Baker (Edna's daughter), Anna Sherwood, Robert Mayer, Hilda Sherwood (John's wife), Ray Baird, John Sherwood, Edna Baird, Gene Baker, Betty Custer (Edna's daughter) & son, Jennie Walter, Alice Sherwood King, George Sherwood, Arlo King, Carl Dilgard. Photo taken by Cleo Sherwood.

Reno died on August 1, 1987 of cancer at the Maple Lawn Medical Center in Coldwater, which had been his home for 1½ years. Many of Reno and Phyllis' descendants have had cancer.

A military service was given for Reno at his death and Phyllis finally received the Bronze Star for Reno's bravery in the Battle of the Bulge. Reno had received his Purple Heart earlier but the Bronze Star was too late in arriving for Reno to receive it himself. Reno's final resting place is in the Lakeview Cemetery in Quincy, Michigan, where Phyllis will some day join him.

Reno & Phyllis

Hard work was no stranger to Phyllis. She worked as a Branch County Schools substitute bus driver for 2 years and also worked at the Ritz Hotel in Coldwater in the housekeeping capacity. Phyllis worked 20 years for Crotty Corporation in Quincy and has also worked in-home nursing for over 20 years. The last in-home nursing job lasted the final 20 years of her working life. Phyllis went into retirement at age 71. Phyllis is now 75 yeras old and has chronic leukemia and has lost sight in one eye due to glocoma.

Phyllis presently lives in a beautiful mobile home that is so spacious and artfully arranged inside that one would think they are in a house. This warm and outgoing lady is also interested in family histories and has a collection of family portraits adorning her walls. Phyllis' home is located in the Coldwater countryside.

Phyllis has requested that her story end on the following note: "We have a wonderful family. I am very proud of all of them and each step we take just brings us closer home, Reno. Our children were a blessing to their father and me."

Orbia Sherwood is the child of Benjamin and Mary Rozzetta (Stoup) Sherwood. Orba was born before 1918 and lived in Lapaz, Indiana with his parents and sister Mary.

Mary G. Sherwood is the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Rozzetta (Stoup) Sherwood. Mary was born before 1918. Mary lived in Lapaz, Indiana with her parents and sibling.

Benjamin Sherwood, Jr. is the son of Benjamin and Mary Rozzetta (Stoup) Sherwood and was called Benney while growing up. Benjamin had a daughter called Mary.

Bessie Neva Sherwood, called Neva, is the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Stoup) Sherwood and was born October 7, 1922 in Dekalb County, Indiana.

Marjorie Sherwood is the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Stoup) Sherwood.

Leroy Sherwood is the son of Benjamin and Mary (Stoup) Sherwood.

Rachel Williets was the daughter of Lauella (Peck) Williets. Rachel was raised alone by her mother at their Reading, Michigan farm after her father died. Rachel married but there were no children of this union. Rachel was killed in a tragic car accident.

The Fifth Generation

Beverly Dean Sherwood was born January 19, 1926, the daughter of George and Anna (Freed) Sherwood. Beverly, called Bev, grew up in the DeKalb County countryside.

Bev can remember the special musical times with her family as growing up. One time when Bev was only 6 or 7 years old her father played in an orchestra and it was heard on the radio. The family was thrilled to sit next to their battery operated radio and listen to George play. Bev can remember two radio programs that the family listened to. They were Little Orphan Annie and Jack Armstrong programs. The Wheaties cereal commercial proclaimed it the "Breakfast of Champions" even as far back as then.

In looking back at one family home they had from 1930 to 1936, Bev remembers that the kitchen was 24 foot long! Bev can remember dressing behind the kitchen wood stove to keep warm. There were 3 wood stoves in that house but the kitchen one was the best to use for dressing. Bev can remember her mother telling about how when she washed that kitchen floor in the wintertime the end she mopped first would have ice on it before she finished the whole room!

Bev married Robert Walter Blech on July 6, 1946. Robert was born June 16, 1925 and to Bev and Robert were born two children: Robert, Jr. and Marie.

Shirley's family

Shirley & family - 1967

Dorothy Alice Sherwood is the daughter of George and Anna (Freed) Sherwood, born April 18, 1928.

Dorothy married Walter Adam Hartman on December 7, 1947 at the Auburn Church of Christ. Walter, called Buster, was born August 12, 1924. Dorothy and Buster began their life on a farm on the Noble-DeKalb County line which was to remain the family home throughout their lives. Buster and Dorothy farmed for many years and then Buster went to work at McCray Refrigerator where he was employed until the company went out of business. In 1988 Buster retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville after 19½ years of employment.

Dorothy worked first on the farm with her husband and worked as a waitress and store clerk but for the last 27 years she worked in a print shop. At one time or another Dorothy has held nearly every position from the office to the running of a press. For many years she did all the type-setting and paste-up work. Dorothy is still working but takes some days off whenever it is possible. In the middle of all this work load Dorothy has also worked for the License Branch for the last 5 years.

One child, Janice Lynn Hartman, was born to this union in 1948.

Dorothy, Bev, Alice & Shirley Sherwood Girls

Dorothy, Shirley & Beverly Sherwood

Shirley Ann Sherwood, the daughter of George and Anna (Freed) Sherwood, was born February 15, 1932 and was raised in DeKalb County with her two sisters on the family homestead.

Shirley and Robert Carl Langley were married on February 15, 1952. Robert was born March 21, 1925 and died April 1, 1991.

To Shirley and Robert were born David, Connie and Thomas. Since the death of her husband Shirley has moved out of the family home and into a mobile home.

Janice Hartman, Alice, Dorothy, Bev, Ann, Shirley - 1969

Betty Marie Walter was born on October 24, 1923 in DeKalb County to Pete and Jennie (Sherwood) Walter. Betty was born with Spinal Menjitus and died at age 18 days, on November 10, 1923. Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana is Betty's final resting place.

Billie Jean Walter, daughter of Jennie (Sherwood) and Pete Walter, was born October 13, 1925 in Jackson Twp., DeKalb County, Indiana. Billie was the first child to live past a matter of weeks but her brother came soon after and then the other children.

Billie's mother, Jennie, was not always well and yet worked very hard and because of this Billie spent a great amount of time living with her Aunt Georgia Walter McIntosh and her husband, Alfred. Most of vacation time and summers she spent there. Aunt Georgia made most of Billie's clothes, including under garments. It was Billie's 8th grade graduation before she ever had a "store bought" dress. With fond memories Billie recalls the "tea parties" on the lawn that Aunt Georgia gave her and neighbor girls. What a wonderful memory.

Because of all the time Billie spent with Aunt Georgia, she feels she did not really get to know her brothers and sisters as in most families. One part of that family life that Billie

remembers well, was that her father wanted her to learn how to do everything that her brothers Pete and Joe learned. This included milking the cows, driving a motorcycle, and even learning to box, for which she was given her own boxing gloves. In looking back, Billie can't remember if Sue and Pat was required to learn these things or not. Billie's father enjoyed seeing Pete and Joe compete in the Golden Glove matches so much that he would take neighborhood young people everywhere to see them, even as far as Chicago. Of course, Billie had to go, too.

Most of the homemaking skills that Billie acquired were learned during her 6 year involvement in 4-H Club. These skills included baking and sewing. Aunt Georgia taught her to cook and bake and helped her do her 4-H projects.

Billie remembers the country school she went to for her first 8 grades. It was a one-room school with an old fashion wood-burning stove to heat the whole room. Billie skipped 6th grade as she would have been the only student in that grade.

One unpleasant story Billie remembers from when she started grade school was luckily one that had a good ending. When Billie was 5 years old she started going to school and walked about 3/4 mile to the first house and then joined another girl. One day when she was only about 1/2 way to the girl's house a car, with a black man driving, stopped by her. Billie had never seen a black person before and he tried to pick her up. Of course, she ran, yelling. He followed along trying to talk to her until she got to the neighbor girl's house. Billie ran to the door, crying and yelling. The neighbors called her father right away. As it turned out, her father knew who the man was, since he ran a shoe repair shop in town. Needless to say, the man immediately left town. Billie's parents must have handled the situation well because it was not a frightening memory.

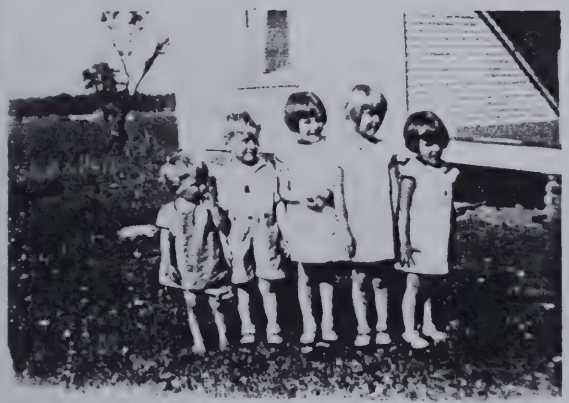
Billie & Beverly

Alice & Billie
June, 1939

Joe, Billie, Bob (Pete), baby Pat
October 14, 1934

Billie Walter

Billie & Gillie - 1972



Joe, Bob (Pete), Pat, Sue
& unknown friend.

Billie & John
1995

After 8th grade graduation when it was time for Billie to go to high school the family lived quite a distance from the school. Since finding transportation was part of the requirement for attending high school Billie got a special driving permit and her parents purchased a small car. The car was so small that when she would be ready to leave school she would find that a group of boys had picked up the car and put it on the sidewalk! Billie would then have to go to the principal to get it down.

Billie graduated from McIntosh High School in Auburn with a scholarship in Home Economics and enrolled at Purdue University. Billie lived on campus in a co-op where students that lived there did their share of work for room and board. As did many people of that time, her father had felt that college was not important for a girl and he had hoped she would stay home and keep books for the family dairy business. While attending Purdue Billie was a soda jerk in a local drug store. She had also worked as a soda jerk at Romeiser Drug Store in Auburn while in high school.

In remembering back Billie realizes that their family had conveniences when most of the neighbor families didn't. Since her father had a dairy, her mother and a "hired girl or two" had to prepare all meals for the men he hired, the family had "delco" electricity, a freezer and other appliances before others. Because of all this kitchen activity Billie wasn't allowed in the kitchen. Jenny, Billie's mother, is remembered to have worked very hard as all the help had 'room and board' as part of their job perks.

Billie married John David Mason on December 24, 1943. John's father was Lloyd K. Mason. Billie and John lived on a farm her father helped them purchase. The following children were born to John and Billie while they lived on that farm: Larry David, Linda Sue, Laune Jon, and Letha Ann. The family farm was located close to St. Joe, Indiana.

During the children's school years Billie was involved with PTA, St. Marks Lutheran Church, working on the farm and made most of her children's clothing for many years. The last few years while living on the farm Billie worked part-time for Dr. Hippinsteel and Dr. Bonnell Souder at the Souders Hospital in Auburn.

For two summers the family had a young boy, Ray Green, from the Luthern Orphanage Home in Springfield, Ohio live with them. Ray was born in Anchorage, Alaska and the family had wanted to adopt Ray but since he had a brother it wasn't allowed.

Billie and John were divorced on January 19, 1957 and Billie moved to Skinner Lake that same year and then to Fort Wayne in 1958 where the children attended Luthern Parochial School. Billie worked as a hostess lunch hours during the school year and became a representative for the Fort Wayne Beauty College calling on high schools in the area. She also traveled for Relaxacizer Company for one year.

Billie married Gilbert Rockingham Meyers, called Gillie, on October 13, 1960 and they built a house in Forest Ridge, southwest of Fort Wayne. Daughter Linda and her family lives

there now. In 1970, they next built another home on Taylor Road. Three of her children, Linda, Laune and Letha, resided with Billie and Gillie in Fort Wayne. There were no children born to Billie and Gillie, but Gillie was a wonderful father to her children. Billie and Gillie were divorced in 1977.

After Billie's children were married she moved to Charleston, South Carolina where she and Evelyn Walter owned and operated Belton Hearing Aid Center. In 1980 Billie married Charles Whittmore King of Atlanta, Georgia and in 1981 they moved to Atlanta and purchased a beach house on Harbor Island, just outside of Beaufort, South Carolina. The couple drove between the two homes until 1992 when Billie stayed at the beach and he in Atlanta. Billie and Charles were divorced in 1993.

Billie is very busy in her present life, including her volunteer work. Her Volunteer work includes working with abused children through the Governor's office of So. Carolina; working as victims advocate in the court system through the Solicitor's office of So. Carolina; serving on the Board of "Habitat for Humanity", which builds homes for the needy; and church work at St. Helena Espiscapal Church. Billie is also involved in the Playwright Club of Beaufort.

Billie's real love is travel. Along with her sister, Sue Ash, Billie traveled to Bermuda in 1993. Traveling with her daughter Linda in 1994, she spent 10 days in Paris, France. Her other travels have included a trip to Ireland in 1992, an African Safari in 1989 and traveling to Canada and Mexico in 1995.

At the age of 71 Billie feels she is very fortunate to be in good health. She truly loves living on the beach, having many wonderful friends and visiting her family often. In looking back over her unusual and interesting life she has no regrets, feeling that we learn and grow from our experiences. Her parting thought was that we need to 'pay back' as a thank you for the good things, past and present, in our lives.

Beach House

Billie - April 1995
She loves her flowers

Robert Jack Walter was born on the Walter homestead in Jackson Twp. to Jennie (Sherwood) and Pete Walter on January 9, 1927. Robert was called 'Little Pete' in his younger years and either Bob or Pete in later years. We will refer him as Pete.

Pete grew up in a family of five children with all the advantages country living could offer.

Bob (Pete) & Billie Walter

Robert (Pete) Walter

Joe, Bob, Beverly, Billie & Pat

Bob (Pete) Walter in front of Walter Homestead

Pete met his future wife at the Silver Moon Skating Rink. Pete married Evelyn Lois Deventer on March 28, 1948. The following children made up Pete and Evelyn's family: Janice Elaine, Jackie Ann, Marjorie Joann, Jane Ellen, and James Edward.

Evelyn Deventer was born to Homer and Myrtle (Akey) Deventer on September 26, 1924 at her parent's home in Laud, Indiana. Evelyn and her eight sisters and brothers were raised in the Leo countryside, a town in close proximity to Auburn where Pete was raised.

During the early years of marriage Evelyn, like most farm wives, fulfilled her responsibilities as a homemaker and mother and also helped on the farm as needed. When the dairy equipment store, real estate business, and liquor store were operated as family businesses Evelyn worked alongside her husband to make them a success. Later Evelyn was the Finance Administrator of the Allen County Health Department in Fort Wayne from which she went into retirement.

The Walters' first family home was on a farm outside of St. Joe, located close to Pete's parents' home. It was here that most of the children were born and they were raised during their early impressionable years. It was during this time that the kids all took their turn at learning farm work.

Bob

Pete (Robert) Walter
Standing in front of
Walter Farm photo.

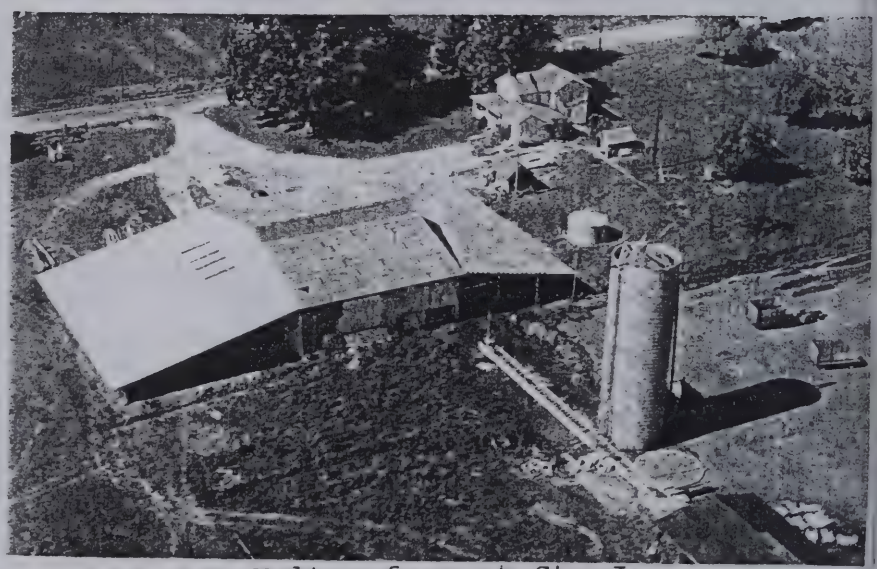
Jimmy was a young 5 years old when he learned to drive the tractor but a better story has surfaced with Jackie learning to drive. Jackie was 10 when she was proudly driving the tractor, disking a field when she caught the disk around a light pole. It was a very unhappy girl that went to her dad to tell him what had happened.

The family had many such memorable experiences with their life on the farm. Like the time when I, the author, was 5 and

Bob (Pete) Walter

Bob (Pete) Walter

1st Walter home
(at St. Joe)



Walter farm at St. Joe.

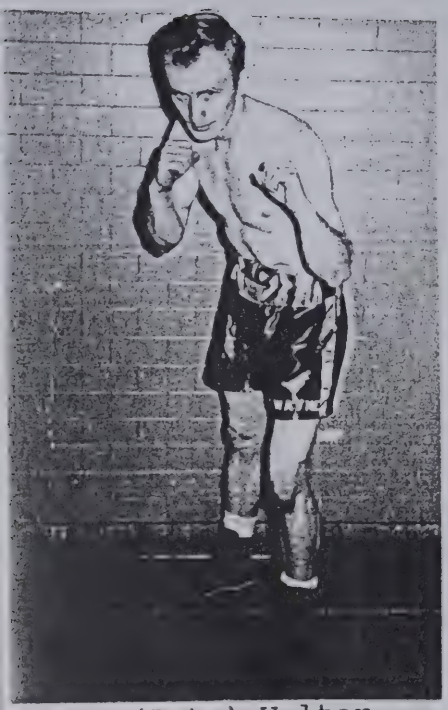
was given permission to open the gate and let the 125 cows across the road to go to the barn for milking. The only catch was there was a newborn calf with her protective mother in the bunch and I was attacked by the mother cow and the doctor had to remove gravel from my forehead.

Another such family story that has been retold many times through the years is the one of the twins, age 4, crawling to the top of the 60' silo, laying on the edge of it on their stomachs, throwing silage over the edge, letting it float to the ground. Imagine Pete and Ev's fear when a neighbor phoned saying the twins were on top of our silo. Climbing to the top of the silo Pete rescued the twins by carrying one child under each arm as he climbed back down the 60' ladder. A frantic mother waited below. Having twins in the family seemed to present dual problems at times.

There were stories passed down about Pete's humor showing through in their everyday life. One such story wasn't considered funny by his daughter at the time. The story went like this. Pete killed a long snake in the field that he and Jackie were preparing for crops. Wanting to play a joke on Jackie, Pete hung the snake on the fence at the end of the row she was disking. The sight of that snake hanging on the fence almost scared the life out of her. Some stories of the good old days on the farm are remembered in different ways to their participants.

Holidays have always been spent as a family unit. Of late, Evelyn and her daughter, Jane, have made the feast for everyone at Evelyn's home. One special treat that is looked forward to on each holiday is the strawberry desert that Evelyn creates for us.

The Walter Family - minus photographer Mom
Margie, Dad, Jimmy, Janice, Larry, Jackie, Jane



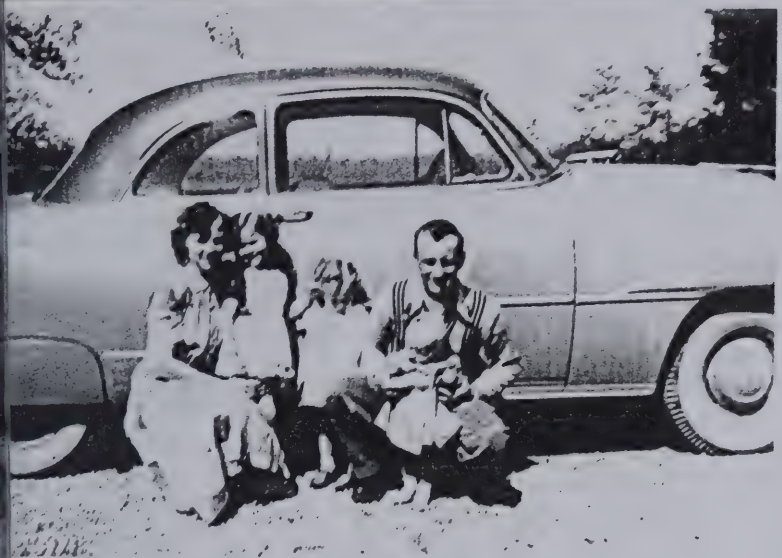
Bob (Pete) Walter
Bautamweight Champ
1952

Evelyn & Janie
Christmas Dish Duty

Evelyn & Pete Walter

Walter home at
Waterloo

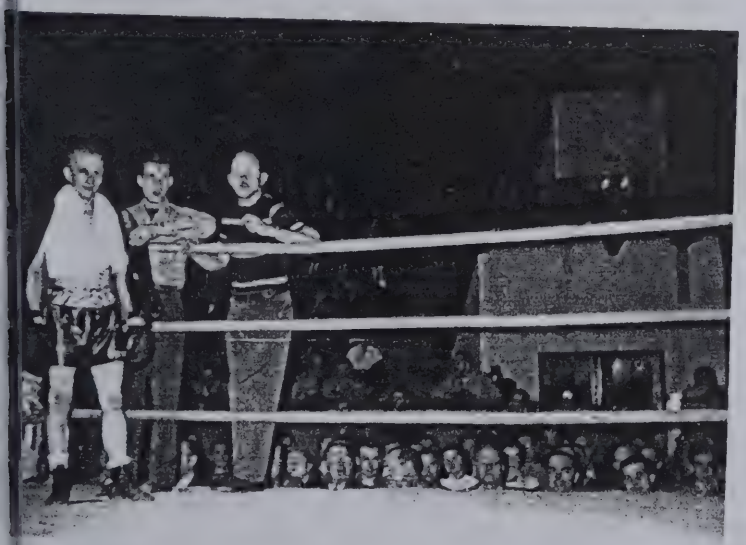
Evelyn Walter & her grandchildren
Gregg Lockwood, Lisa Lockwood, Kim Lockwood, Doug Lockwood, Jason Hoff, Jim Hoff, Gary Nairn, and Burt Nairn



Evelyn, Janice, Jackie, Pete & Margie

Ev & Pete Walter
May, 1955

Pete - 1962



Bob Walter, John McQuown & Bud Saxer

Pete & Evelyn Walter
in Amsterdam, Holland
September, 1973

The dairy farm was not run in a mediocre way. Pete and Ev put in state of the art equipment and there were a few writeups about their operation, as well as, the school sent classes to our farm to see how the equipment was run.

After 14 years of living on the St. Joe farm a small farm outside Waterloo became the family home. It was at this home that the family's Walter Dairy Equipment Business was begun. Here, as in the dairy business, the kids were taught by their parents many lessons in how to run a business. The whole family participated in the family businesses through the years. One such business was the family built Pete's Liquor Store.

One not-so-funny memory was of Janice working in the liquor store and being held at knife point until she gave the $1800 from the register to the robber. Janice creatively tried to break the window glass to set off the alarm by slamming her fist against the pane but her efforts only resulted in a sprained wrist. Luckily our other family memories are in a much more pleasant vein.

Evelyn helped her husband by being his helpmate and a homemaker at the same time. The children remember Pete and Ev coming in very late at night from the fields in the summertime when there was work to be done to get the crops in or out of the fields. Evelyn has enjoyed being a member of the Never Idle Home Demonstration Club since 1963. The friendships and knowledge learned and shared through the years has made the first Wednesday of each month a special meeting night she remembers faithfully. Evelyn enjoys her retirement. Evelyn enjoys traveling with her friends and reading books. Antiques and plants are an interesting part of her life.

In the past Evelyn watched her grandchildren play in sports and enjoyed the grandkids stopping by with their friends, whom she still enjoys a friendship with. Now that the grandchildren have grown older Evelyn enjoys taking care of and playing with her great-grandchildren. At present there are six great-grandchildren and each has a special place in her heart. Four year old Chase has so many grandparents that he uses a special name of Grandma Evie for Evelyn. Little Tracy tickles Evelyn's funny bone, and young Bailey has smiled her way into everyone's heart. The other great-grandchildren, Allison, Grant and Joshua, also have a special place in everyone's hearts.

Pete's many occupations included farming, dairy farming, family run Walter Dairy Equipment business, family run Pete's Liquor Store business, and being a realtor. Pete inherited being a 'wheeler/dealer' from his dad and Pete could figure mathmatical equations quickly in his head. As an employer Pete is remembered as "the tops" and that he would give raises without being ask. When looking at the jobs to be done for a day, Pete would sometimes change the scheduling because it sometimes needed a special frame of mind to do a particular job. He would ask the employee what he was going to work on that day instead of telling him what the schedule was. The employee would have a feeling of independance, getting just as much work done if not more. Pete enjoyed the sales end of the dairy equipment business more than the service part. He

would sometimes make a sale without making any money if it meant beating someone else out from stealing a customer away. Even though Pete had a driving force to make money it wasn't necessarily to have the money so much as to make it. He didn't have the need to be wealthy. Pete was a smart businessman who was respected and liked by all.

Pete was an extremely good looking man in his youth and carried his good looks and pleasing personality with him throughout his life. Pete could best be described as always honest, keeping his word and being fair in his dealings. He would listen to others bid for buying something and then the race was on! An important aspect of Pete's personality was that he would always take time to listen to people. It didn't matter if he knew the person well or if he had other things to do, Pete would give each person the time they needed. This was only one of the ways Pete showed his full heart for others.

After graduating from high school Pete trained in the art of boxing. During the years 1947 thru 1952, Pete achieved the fame of being a Golden Glove Boxer before retiring from the ring. Necklaces with the golden glove on the chain have been passed down to his daughters. Pete's wife, Evelyn, had worn one for many years.

Pete and Evelyn divorced in March, 1976 in Allen County, Indiana. Pete married and shortly thereafter divorced Donna Ehrhorn.

Much sorrow and heartache accompanied Pete's unexpected death. A memorial was held for him on November 20, 1983 at the Dilgard, Cline and Southern Funeral Home in Auburn. Pete's final resting place is alongside his son, Jimmy, in the Waterloo Cemetery. His goodness is remembered by all.

Joseph Elijah Walter was born on May 26, 1929 to Jennie (Sherwood) and Pete Walter on the Walter homestead. Joe married Audrey M. Trenary on June 25, 1950 at the Mount Pleasant Church on the Auburn-Butler Road, DeKalb County, Indiana. Except for 2 years in the Army when Joe and Audrey lived in Virginia the family had lived in St. Joe the majority of the time while raising their children and then moved to Wolcottville, Indiana.

Three children were born to Joe and Audrie. The children were: Joseph Eugene, Teresa Nadine, and Jeremy Emmett. The family has always been active in their family place of worship. The two oldest children were baptised in both family churches where they attended while growing up. The family church is now Church of Christ of South Milford.

Joe's lifetime occupations have been meat cutter, serviceman, working at an elevator, Secklers Kline's Dairy employee, and from 1962 until retirement a Harvester worker. While working full-time Joe also owned and managed an insulation business and rented mobil home lots close to his lakefront home.

Joe and Audrie have always enjoyed their gardening and quiet homelife. During their vacations they liked to stay at home and enjoy their warm family atmosphere which accounts for Joe and Audrie's children being home bodies while living at

home. Their family was close knit and happy. The Walter trait that is "Never Know a Stranger" is prevalent in this family.

Joe was "almost late" most of his life. Everyone calls Joe a "work aholic" as he is not one to be idle. A tender heart is visible in the way this good hearted guy gives away as much as is needed.

Bob & Joe Walter

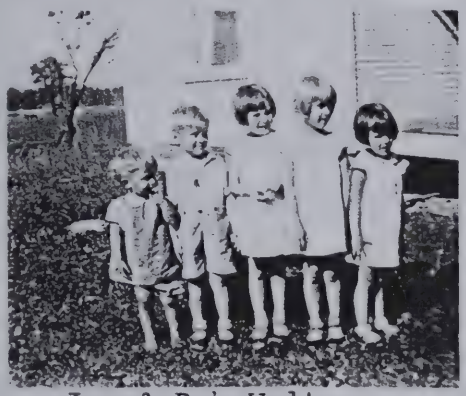
Billie, Joe & Bob (Pete) Walter

"Two Farmers"
Joe & Bob - May, 1933

Audrie & Joe Walter
1962

Joe & Bob Walter
and Bill Hines

Patrica Jane Walter was born April 23, 1933 in Auburn, the daughter of Jennie (Sherwood) and Wilbur Walter. Pat married C. William Hine, called Bill, on November 5, 1949 in Pleasant Lake, Indiana. The family resided in Pennsylvania. Bill and Pat's children are: Jan, Van, and Billie Bert. Bill and Pat were divorced on June 26, 1972 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Joe & Bob Walter,
Beverly Sherwood,
Billie & Pat Walter

Pat Walter

The Hines family

John Mason, Bob Richmond,
& Bob (Pete) Walter
- Christmas, 1952 -

Pat and her siblings
Joe, baby Pat, Billie & Bob (Pete)

Sue Elizabeth Walter, daughter of Jennie (Sherwood) and Wilbur Walter, was born June 7, 1934 at the family homestead. Sue and all of her siblings attended the Maginnis School in DeKalb County, a one room counry school, housing grades one through eight. Sue graduated from Concord Township High School in St. Joe, Indiana.

Sue wore a beautiful long white wedding gown when she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Lee Richmond, on October 6, 1956. Their first family home was in Greencastle, then Spencerville and finally in St. Joe, Indiana. Sue and Bob's children are Kamala Sue, Monica Sue, and Robert Craig. All three children were born at the Souder Hospital in Auburn, Indiana. Bob and Sue divorced November 27, 1967. In the fall of 1968 Sue and her children moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

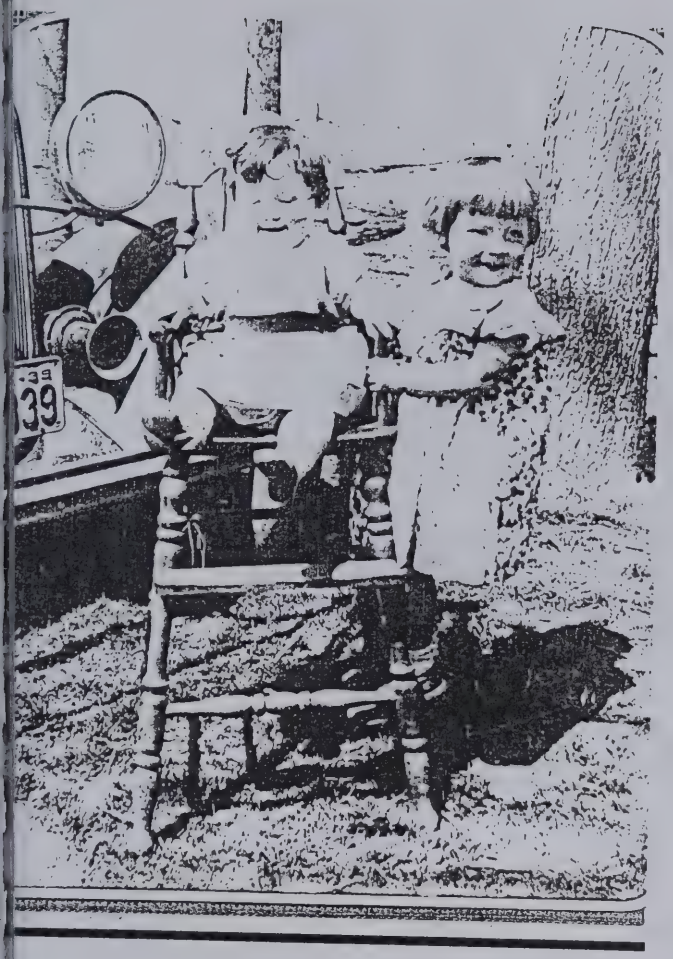
Sue married John Clement Ash, origianlly from Boston, Mass, in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 30, 1983. No children were born of this marriage.

Sue learned a great deal about politics by listening to her father, Pete Walter. Pete was born into a family of Democrats but became a Republican following the 1932 election of Franklin D. Roosevelt. As an adult Sue was always active in the Republican Party, both in DeKalb County and Allen County. She is also active in the American Cancer Society, both as a volunteer and as a Board Member. Church affiliation was first with St. Marks Lutheran Church in St. Joe and later Sue became a member and active participant in the Anthony Wayne First Church of God in southwest Fort Wayne. Sue remembers spending a lot of time with her brothers, Bob (or sometimes called Little Pete) and Joe while growing up. The boys taught her how to ride a bicycle and to roller skate, always taking her along with them to the Blue Moon Roller Skating Rink outside of Auburn whenever they went.

Sue, Bob, Pat Walter

Billie, Bob, Joe, Sue, Pat Walter
October 14, 1934

Pat & Sue Walter
June 1939



Sue & sister Pat - 1935

Sue Walter Richmond

The Walter Children
Bob, Pat, Billie, Sue & Joe

Sue, Billie, Dad (Wilbur),
Bob & Joe Walter - 1969

Betty Maxine Baird, born October 31, 1924, was the first born of Edna (Sherwood) and Clifford Baird. Betty married Jerald Heath Gnagy, Sr. on March 23, 1946. To this union were born Sandra and Jerald, Jr. Betty and Jerald were divorced in July, 1957.

On October 19, 1957 Betty married Finley Jay Custer. Finley was born April 18, 1919. Betty lives in Garrett, Indiana.

Finley J. Custer & Betty M. (Baird)

Roma Baird, born March 26, 1928, is the daughter of Edna (Sherwood) and Clifford Baird. Roma married Edward Baker on June 12, 1948. Edward was born January 5,1924. Born to them were Richard, Ronald, Cheryl, Carla, Cathy, Tony, and Tonya.

Roma has retired and lives in Waterloo, Indiana.

Edward E. & Roma L. (Baird) Baker

Edward E. &
Roma L. Baird Baker

FAMILY OF ROMA (BAIRD) BAKER
BACK: Kraig Kelham, Richard & Cheryl Rudolph, Richard & Judy Baker, Judy Baker, Bruce Smith, Douglas Peterson
CENTER: Tonya Kelham, Roma & Edward Baker, Carla Smith & Cathy Peterson.
KNEELING: Tony & Tammy Baker, Ronald Baker.

Buddy L. Baird is the son of Edna (Sherwood) and Clifford Baird and was born April 4, 1930. On September 2, 1950 Buddy and Deloris Baker were married. To them were born Gary Lynn, David, Steven, and Kellie. Buddy and Deloris were divorced August 2, 1964 and Buddy married Avis M. Armstrong Jennings on August 1, 1966. Avis was born March 9, 1936. Buddy lives in Butler, Indiana.

Richard Lee Baird, called Dick, was born August 13, 1933 in DeKalb County, the son of Edna (Sherwood) and Clifford Baird. Dick married Harriett Fern Koon on October 17, 1957 and had the following children: Marian Clifford and Patricia Sue Baird. Dick adoped Lisa Marie. Leslie Renee Baird and Elizabeth Esther Baird are children's names that have popped up, also. Dick had the following 3 step-children: Jerry, Toni and Mary. Dick is thought to have raised his family in Kendallville. Dick and Harriet were divorced and Dick remarried to Sally Ally.

Dick Baird died May 18, 1990 at his home in Winslow, Arizona. Dick's obituary tells us that his wife Sally survived him, and one son Michael plus his two daughters Patricia and Lisa. We do not know who Michael is.

Charles Laverne Baird, Sr. is the son of Edna (Sherwood) and Clifford Baird, born February 14, 1937. Charles and Shirley Bowman were married August 20, 1955. Shirley was born November 15, 1938. Charles and Shirley had the following children: Charles Laverne, Jr., Randall Leroy., and Jeffrey Lynn. Charles now lives in Waterloo, Indiana.

Bobby Burns was the son of Elsia (Sherwood) & -- Burns.

Dorothy Burns was born the daughter of Elsia (Sherwood) and -- Burns.

June Imogene Allen, born June 7, 1927 in DeKalb County, Indiana, is the daughter of Elsie (Sherwood) and LaVon Allen.

Maryland Ruth Allen is the daughter of Elsie (Sherwood) and Von Allen and was born in DeKalb County, Indiana on October 12, 1932.

Robert W. Carteaux was born the son of Nellie (Sherwood) and Ted Carteaux. Robert, called Bob, has a business in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ted Carteaux is the son of Nellie (Sherwood) and Ted Carteaux. Ted is thought to live in Fort Wayne, Indiana where he was raised.

Margaret Carteaux, son of Nellie (Sherwood) and Ted Carteaux, lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

John Carteaux is the son of Nellie (Sherwood) and Ted Carteaux. John is thought to own a business in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he was raised.

Pete Carteaux was born the son of Nellie (Sherwood) and Ted Carteaux.

Wilbur Wayne Baird was born in DeKalb County September 11, 1927 to Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird. Wilbur married Rose Mary Gillipsi in 1947 and later they divorced. Wilbur next married Marjorie Nell Shafer on June 5, 1948. Marjorie was born March 23, 1929. They were later divorced, and on November 7, 1970 Wilbur and Myra Jean Halderman Nichols. Myra was born April 27, 1929 and died July 4, 1987.

Wilbur married Mary Fuller on September 11, 1987 in LaGrange. Mary was born May 4, 1932. Wilbur's children are: Beverly Jean, Rodney Wayne, Gregory Allen, Kevin Ray, Carey Lynn, Barbara Joy, and the following are step-children: Bobbie Kay Hasbrouck, Susan Jean Smith, Vicki Lynn Frisbie, Russell Allen Collins, Richard M. Collins, Elaine Joyce Rudolph and Ronald Lee Fuller.

Wilbur was a member of the Baptist Church and was living in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange at the time of his death on October 25, 1994. Funeral services were held in Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, Indiana. Wilbur's final resting place is in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Wilbur preceeded his wife, Mary, in death.

Lyle Edward Baird, born July 16, 1929, is the son of Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird. Lyle and Martha Louise Moughter were married July 29, 1950. Martha was born March 1, 1931. The three children born to Lyle and Martha were Cathy Ann, Colleen and Judy Kay. Lyle lives in Auburn, Indiana.

Donald Eugene Baird, was born on January 8, 1931, the son of Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird. Don married Velma May Hileman on June 23, 1951. Their children are Eddie, Michael Eugene, Teresa Rae, Sarah Jane, Brenda Lee, Donald Eugene, Jr. and Bobby Joe.

Velma was born on November 15, 1931 and died July 17, 1984. On October 20, 1986 Donald married Helen Ethel Keck Clark. Helen was born July 7, 1933. Donald's step children by his second marriage are Jan Louise Clark, Nancy Lynn Clark, Linda Roseann Clark, Kelly Sue Clark, Marie Annette Clark, Sandra Kay Clark, and Beryl Ann Clark. Donald lives in Kendallville.

Dallas Clare Baird was born to Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird. Dallas' birth and death date is July 3, 1932.

Patty LaVonne Baird, born October 27, 1933, is the daughter of Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird. Pat married John Theodore Pierce on August 20, 1949. Pat and John children are Margaret Ann, John Theodore, Jr., Steven Edward, and Janet Marie. John, Sr. was born July 29, 1915 and died January 27, 1983. Pat lives in Kendallville, Indiana.

Billy Gene Baird, the son of Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird, was born May 26, 1936. He was called Billy when younger but now goes by Bill. On December 24, 1955 Bill and Johanna Pauline Hammes were married. Johanna was born January 11, 1938. Bill and Johanna had a set of twins, Victor Allen and Cecil Dale first and then two more children, Cindy Marie and Renee Josephine. Bill lives in Rome City, Indiana.

Myrlin Winfred Baird was born October 21, 1938 to Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird. Myrlin died of pneumonia on January 18, 1940.

Evelyn Roberta Baird, born December 19, 1939, is the daughter of Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird. On December 23, 1955 Evelyn married Richard Eugene Payton. Bub, as Richard is called, was born October 26, 1935. To this lovely couple was born Rickey Ray, Ronald Eugene, Rhonda, Laura, and Lowell. Laura and Lowell were twins which seems to be a Sherwood trait that is carried out in the 5th and 6th generations. The Paytons live in Auburn.

Larry Dean Baird, born January 2, 1942, is the son of Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird. Larry and Kay Elaine Weaver were married May 2, 1965. Kay was born June 19, 1945. Their children are Stacia Ann, Crista Renae, Melissa Kay, and Kenneth Dean. Larry lives in Hicksville, Ohio.

Jack Leon Baird, born January 2, 1946, is the son of Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird. Jack and Cynthia Ann Grubaugh were married September 2, 1967. Cynthia was born October 8, 1948. Three children were born to Jack and Cynthia: Timothy Alan, Elizabeth Jo, and Jack Leon. Jack lives in Topeka, Indiana.

Tarena Baird is the daughter of Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird, born July 24, 1950. On January 22, 1966 Tarena married Terry Lee Longsworth, who was born on August 10, 1947. Tarena and Terry had the following sons: Terry Lee, Jr., Troy Allen and Todd Eugene. Terena lives in Wolcottville, Indiana.

Gary Lee Baird, son of Hilda (Sherwood) and Ray Baird, was born and died on July 29, 1952.

Joan Ruth Sherwood is the daughter of Claude and Velda (Fulk) Sherwood. Joan was born May 31, 1938 in DeKalb County, Indiana. In her youth Joan played the accordion.

Karen Kae Sherwood is the youngest daughter born to Claude and Velda (Fulk) Sherwood. Karen was born August 3, 1942 in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Karen Sherwood Dicke
1961

Joan & Stanley Gray
(daughter of Claude & Velda Sherwood)
Married August 17, 1957

Joan & Karen Sherwood - 1948

John VanGusbeck Sherwood, Jr. is the son of John and Hilda (Gingrich) Sherwood, Jr. John was born April 28, 1938 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Since this John and his father were both given the same name with 'junior' at the end of it so to keep the confusion at a minimum we will call the present John by his childhood name of Johnny and his father will remain John, Jr. But Johnny does go by the name John in real life. Johnny's grandfather had the same name with a 'senior' after it.

Johnny's father had had such pride in belonging to the Seabies during World War II and he felt that same enormous amount of pride when Johnny joined the Navy around 1957. There is an interesting story of when Johnny joined the service. Since

his father's name had the 'junior' added to the tail end of it just like Johnny's their service records kept getting mixed even though Johnny's father was no longer in the service. So to keep the records straight the Navy called Johnny, John VanGusbeck Sherwood, the 3rd! It kept the Navy happy.

There is a photo of John in his service uniform and one has to look hard to realize it isn't Johnny in his younger years. As John looked like his two brothers, Cleo and Claude, it is safe to say that that particular Sherwood look carries on in Johnny today.

Johnny and June Jones, from California, were married on August 7, 1961. Johnny and June moved back to Indiana and while there Johnny worked at the Auburn Foundry with his father. While still in Indiana Johnny and June had a little girl, Carri Lynn. When Carri was but a few months old the family moved back to California where, later, a son was born to them, John Lee Sherwood. Even though Johnny would have liked to carry on the traditional first and middle name, due to the military confusion it was decided that Little John would have a new middle name. Unless John Lee has a son to carry on the Sherwood name, the John VanGusbeck Sherwood, Sr.'s line will stop.

Johnny is like his dad in that he has a good sense of humor. He loves to fish and especially loves to catch the big fish. After retiring from the gas company in 1994, Johnny and June Sherwood moved to Arizona. They have built their dream home in the desert next to Havasw Lake. Johnny enjoys swimming in their new pool as much as fishing in their lake.

Johnny & Wayne Sherwood

Johnny & June Sherwood

Harry Wayne Sherwood

Karen Beck

Harry Wayne Sherwood is the son of John and Hilda (Gingrich) Sherwood. Harry was born December 8, 1943 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Harry graduated from Auburn High School and afterwards moved to California with his brother Johnny and sister-in-law June. While in California Harry started college but upon going to school he decided to enlist in the Army. Not being during wartime, Harry had the opportunity to travel a lot and see the world while in the service. Also, while in the service, Harry furthered his education in computers. Harry now works at Rockwell International in Denver.

Harry married his good friend, Carol Hittle, in 1975. They have since divorced but remain close friends.

Harry has a little girl named Karen Beck, born Dec. 7, 1989. He doesn't get to see her much since she lives in Oregan but his heart is with her.

Harry loves the outdoors and watching animals feed from the deck around his beautiful mountain home in Conifer, Colorado. Harry also enjoys being a photographer for his animal friends. Harry enjoys his quiet time but also has many friends around the country that he made while traveling. Harry has the Sherwood sense of humor and his mother's sense of money conrol.

Sharon Kay Sherwood, born Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950 in Auburn, is the daughter of John and Hilda (Gingrich) Sherwood. Sharon graduated from DeKalb High School in 1968.

Sharon married John Aldrich and they had two children, Taya Lynn and Scott Curtis. Sharon and John were later divorced and she married Donny Hayes and a child, Shahlese Kay, was born. They were later divorced.

Sharon is a single lady now with a special friend, Claude Jacobs in her life. Sharon's two older children are married now raising their own families but Sharon's youngest is still at home keeping her mother busy.

Sharon and her father always shared finding nature together. John showed his daughter how to find sassafras trees and then showed her how to dig and trim the roots to make sassafras tea. Sharon can still remember the wonderful aroma filling the house when they made their tea. Mushroom hunting is another shared memory. It seemed that Sharon was always finding the mushrooms but since her father's death she has not been so lucky. In looking back she now realizes her father always directed her to the area where she would 'find' the mushrooms. What a wonderful father John must have been.

Following that thought Sharon told of the last spanking she had gotten. She and her father argued over the fairness of it all his remaining years! Sharon had been told to be in the house by dark. Since she was playing hide and seek and was on the back porch when it got dark and knew her dad was able to see her from where he sat she thought it was OK. Her father didn't agree with that line of thinking and she received the much remembered and argued over spanking.

Sharon has the Sherwood sense of humor and has always felt a strong pull towards family and felt especially close to her Uncle Cleo. Sharon still likes keeping in touch with her larger Sherwood family.

Sharon lives in Auburn and works at the Auburn Foundry and is a special lady. She enjoyed helping me attaining information on her family and also supplied their pictures. That readiness to help fits her nature of giving.

Sharon Sherwood
3 yrs. old

Sharon Sherwood Hays

John Dale Hovarter, son of Pauline (Sherwood) and Harry Hovarter, was born May 5, 1935 at his parents home near Corunna, Indiana. John graduated from Garrett High School in 1953 and graduated from Tri-State College in 1955 with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. John has worked for General Electric, Bowser Inc., at International Harvester in Fort Wayne until the plant closed and then at Shellar-Globe in Grabill as a foreman.

While working at General Electric John met his future lovely wife, Bonnie. John and Bonnie Lou Engelking were married on June 6, 1959, at Grace Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Bonnie, the daughter of Carl and Grace (Scherer) Engelking of Fort Wayne was born April 23, 1932. Bonnie graduated from South Side High School of Fort Wayne in 1950.

Two daughters completed John and Bonnie's family. They are Shari Ann and Lynnette Kay. Bonnie was active in Girl Scouts and various church organizationsand was considered a generous and kind person, as she enjoyed helping others. John is a quiet man that operates a grain farm, has an interest in antique tractors and machinery, and has a collection of gasoline engines. John has also been active in church, holding offices for years. This twosome supported school activities with their personal involvement, as well as being politically active. Bonnie was a member of the DeKalb County Republican Women's Organization and John has held an elected position on the Richland Township Advisory Board.

After the early death of Bonnie, John raised his children alone. John resides in Corunna, Indiana.

Caroline Sue Hovarter, the daughter of Pauline (Sherwood) and Harry Hovarter, was born June 23, 1939 in her parent's farmhouse, southwest of Corunna. All of Carolyn's grandparents were farmers by trade and her foreign heritage goes back to Germany and Ireland.

Carolyn developed many positive feelings about education from the time spent in her first eight grades at West Richland, a two-room country school. While in school Carolyn was one of two girls better skilled at softball than some of the guys, so she played on the boys' softball team for three years she never struck out once. Carolyn attended Water-

Caroline Hovarter & Janet

loo high School when there were no competitive girls' sports so she played forward in the Girls' Intramural Noon Basketball League and she particiapted in other high school activities such as singing with the choir's Ensemble, having a role in the school play, holding the Presidency of Future Homemaker of America, serving as Co-editor of the yearbook and being an officer in the Beta National Honor Club. Carolyn graduated in 1957 as Valedictorian of her class.

Carolyn and James William Stahl met while in high school and after an extended courtship, they were married August 11, 1957 at what is now the Maple Grove United Methodist Church. Jim was born August 4, 1937 to Clark and Edna (Bowman) Stahl and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1955.

Carolyn first worked for Mortgage Loan Dept. of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and then accepted a position at Rieke's in Auburn, as secretary to the Treasurer of the Company and Secretary of the Board. As was customary in the 1950's, Carolyn quit working outside the home when her first child, Karen Sue, was born in 1959. Their second daughter, Diane Kay, was born two years later. As a very close-knit family, they thoroughly enjoyed the years spent together and the excitment of the various activities they did as a family. Jim has always farmed and worked one or two jobs at the same time.

When the girls started school, Carolyn became involved with their activities, including PTO. This PTO involvement rekindled the desire for a teaching career and she recalled the positive experiences she had while still a student. Carolyn enrolled at Indiana University-Purdue University of Fort Wayne in the fall of 1968 and graduated with Highest Distinction in 1973, earning a B.S. in Education. Carolyn earned a Masters Degree in English and Counseling and Guidance from Indiana University. Carolyn holds life licenses in English, Counseling and Guidance, Government/Political schience and Sociology. Carolyn has been offiliated with DeKalb Junior High and Middle School as teacher and then as a guidance counselor.

Both Carolyn and Jim have been actively involved in church, community, and political affairs. At church Carolyn is now a Certified Lay Speaker with the North Indiana United Methodist Conference and she is available to fill the pulpit when ministers are ill or on vacations. Jim has served as Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent, and Financial Secretary. Jim was involved in church missions work while spending two weeks on a work project in Puerto Rico.

Carolyn and Jim have been precinct and county workers in the Republican Party for several years. Carolyn has also been a state election board offical for several nominating conventions; an officer of the County Young Republican and in the 1960's was secretary of the DeKalb County Republican Central Committee. She and her husband have spoken personally to two United States Presidents, Nixon and Ford, and they received personalized invitations to the inaugurations of these Presidents.

Carolyn and Jim enjoy relaxing, and swimming at the Stahl cottage at Lake Gage. They both also enjoys traveling to Bloomington to the Indiana University basketball games whenever they're able to get tickets.

Judith Ann Sherwood is the daughter of Cleo and Velma (Tarter) Sherwood, born April 29, 1941 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Judi had the advantage of being the only child for four years until that fateful day when her brother Wayne was born. Judi seems unimpressed when she looked at her new baby brother and ask why he had black and blue eyes. In later years Judi's brother could remember waiting on her hand and foot while he was young. As time went by they, like most siblings, fought and loved their way through their growing years.

Judi married Clifford Warstler on June 14, 1961 and had one son, Craig Eugene. They divorced and Judi later married Robert Davis and they had two sons, Cris Allen and Robert Corey. Mr. Davis adopted Craig.

In July 30, 1977 Judi married Owen I. Hensinger. Robert Corey desired to be adopted by Owen but his father would not allow it. So the delay only made it more touching when at age 18, Owen Hensinger legally adopted Robert Corey Davis. Corey went one step further and changed his name to Corey Ace Hensinger. As Corey's dream was to be an ace flyer it seemed fitting to also add this to his new identity.

Judi is presently studying for nursing. She was a legal secretary in the past. The study to become an LPN is at Ivy Tech College.

Judi with her father Cleo

Owen & Judi

Cleo Wayne Sherwood, Jr. is the son of Cleo & Velma (Tarter) Sherwood and was born on August 12, 1945 in DeKalb County. Cleo Wayne is called Wayne and his father was called Cleo, to keep the confusion of their names at a minimum.

Wayne went to Auburn High School and then on to Indiana University/Purdue University in Fort Wayne for two semesters. While attending IPFW Wayne worked as a security guard. Wayne also took a correspondance art course.

Cleo Wayne Sherwood

Cleo Wayne & Janet

Wayne's first job was at Rieke's in Auburn until he took a vacation to Houston, Texas where he saw an ad for his first commercial art job. Wayne had been strongly influenced by his father's artistic ability and Wayne has been working in this field every since his vacation in Houston. Wayne has the rare distinction of being a professional artist in both the commercial adn noncommercial fields.

Having been raised in town the visits to Wayne's relatives who lived on farms was a new adventure each time. He remembers the homemade ice cream at Uncle Pete's that always tasted so much better than anywhere else and can still taste the strawberry and vanilla flavors. The famiy would arrive in the early evening and the kids would rush to the barn to play. Wayne remembers the sheer fun of throwing chicken feathers and corn cobs around. But the most fun of all the farm adventures had to have been around the farm animals. Wayne can remember climbing over a fence at Pauline's to see new born pigs even though his Momma hadn't thought it was as good an idea as he did.

One memory of a family get-together was when there was car trouble on the way back from Uncle Pete's farm. Cleo was traveling along county road 205 when the radiator started overheating. Cleo kept stopping the car every so often and filled the radiator from the ditch water. The roads weren't very good back then so traveling to Uncle Pete's was a time for a long visit.

Since Wayne's father passed away he has been living with his mother in her Auburn home to help with her care. Wayne has remained single and has no children.

Roy Dilgard was the son of Imogene (Mills) and Carl Dilgard.

Bob Dilgard was the son of Imogene (Mills) and Carl Dilgard.

Alice Dilgard was the daughter of Imogene and Carl Dilgard.

Sandy Dilgard was the daughter of Imogene and Carl Dilgard.

Lady on the left is Sandy
Couple on right are Bob & Alice

Leona Marie Champion, the first child born to Phyllis (Pairan) and Reno Champion, was born in Camden, Michigan on September 21, 1938. Leona was a typical teenager and cheerleading was only one of the many joys she found in school. Leona always liked to sing and dance and enjoyed time with Grandma Eliza. Leona is described by her mother as always being a primper. Leona has always worked hard even in her youth. At 16 Leona worked at the first root beer stand in Coldwater.

Leona & Don

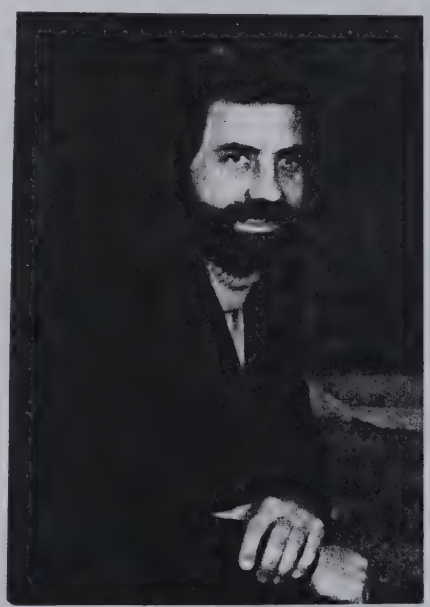
Leona and Donald Blain Simmons were married on August 26, 1961 in Bronson, Michigan and between them have 6 children. These children are Donna Mae, Marjorie, Donny, Brenda, Venassia, and Christopher. The family is of Catholic faith.

Leona and Don own a farm on Warren Road in Coldwater. The children are out on their own now and the couple has celebrated their 34th year of marriage. Don works at Max Larson Ford and even though Leona studied in the pharmaceutical field, she works for the Salga Company. Leona travels with her job and is a climber in her career field.

Leona enjoys flowers and landscapes her lawn with these. She is a good mother and has worked while helping to raise their children. She is a giver of herself and neat in all things she does. Leona is good tempered but has strict, definite ideas of what is to be done. Leona loves Cadillas and has one to this day.

Larry Gayland Champion was born on December 5, 1940 in Camden, Michigan to Phyllis (Pairan) and Reno Champion. Larry was given his father's middle name.

A story came with Larry's birth. Larry's mother had to give birth to this 8 pound baby without the aid of a doctor. His mom still remembers his being born on the funny papers. Whether it had to do with his start on the funny papers or not Larry was a very mischievous child. He always had to take things apart to see how they worked, which was very frustrating for everyone. As a little boy Larry would 'run away' as most children do. He enjoyed playing football while attending Coldwater High School and liked fast speed



Larry

with his cars but never had an accident. Larry built and drove dune buggies.

At 17 Larry started working for Pen Construction Company and helped build houses until he was 19 when Larry began working at a factory making truck chases. Later Larry became a big rig driver for Sturgis Iron and Metal until he had saved enough money to buy his own rig and now he drives, hauling steel out of Detroit.

Larry married Joyce Harvey at 19. They were later divorced. Larry and Joyce had the following four daughters: Debra, Dawn, Kimalana, and Lisa.

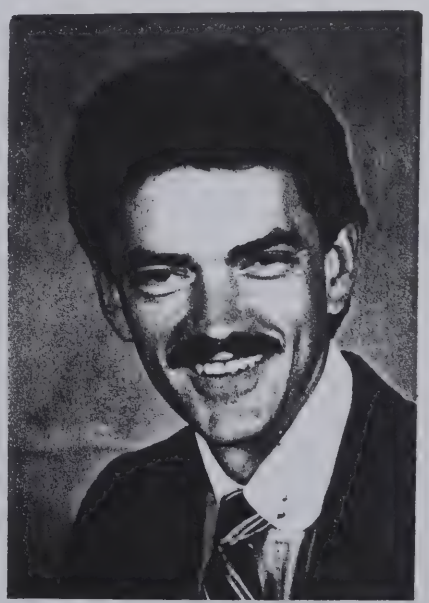
Larry has a beautiful girlfriend, Patti Lyon. Patti's two children, Brandy Lyon and Tammy Lynn, have been raised like Larry's own and Patti has helped raise Larry's. Tammy Lynn is married to Tracey Paterson and she has two sons.

Ronald Wayne Champion was the third son born to Phyllis (Pairan) and Reno Champion and was born on June 9, 1946 in Plymouth, Indiana. Ron attended Quincy High School. Ron is a loner and enjoys his time alone.

Ron married a lady named Judy and their family was complete with the following children: Wendy Jo, Trent Cordell, and Stacey Gayland. Ron and Judy are now divorced.

Ron is a cement finisher but has working for a cabinet maker in Union City. He likes to hunt deer and also enjoys fishing. Ron was a football player in high school and still enjoys watching football on TV.

Ronald



Robert

Robert Lynn Champion, born in 1950 to Phyllis (Pairan) and Reno Champion in Coldwater, Michigan. When younger Robert preferred being called Bob but he now goes by Robert. In 1969 Robert graduated from Quincy High School with a full art degree. Robert was in the service during the Viet Nam War, stationed at a permanent duty station in West Point, N.Y. While at West Point Robert picked up bits of knowledge so that even though he didn't attend West Point he learned while there.

Robert was close to his Grandma Eliza and with his excellent memory he still remembers many stories which she told her children and grandchildren.

Robert is a good looking bachelor with a thin, 5'8" build and dark hair and mustache. Robert has a photographic memory and is artistic, an ability he has used in buying old houses and renovating them back to their original state. Robert is presently working on an old brick house with 5 bedrooms. Robert has a wonderful companion in his man's best friend dog. Robert works for Kirsch Company in Sturgis.

Robert lives in Bronson, Michigan.

Mary Sherwood is the daughter of Benjamin Sherwood, Jr.

Sixth Generation

Robert Walter Blech, Jr. is the son of Beverly (Sherwood) and Robert Blech. Bob was born October 22, 1950.

Bob married Mary Jane Watts on June 20, 1972 and to this union was born Tabias Jay. Mary Jane was born January 1, 1952.

Bob married a second time to Carla Davidson on March 31, 1980. Carla's daughter, Marcene Stephens, was born December 5, 1972.

Robert Blech

Robbie, Marie, Bev & Bob Blech
1971

Marie Eileen Blech was born to Beverly (Sherwood) and Robert Blech on May 24, 1956. Marie married Owen Smith, Jr. on December 13, 1984. Owen was born July 3, 1949. To Marie and Owen a daughter, Dawn Marie, was born.

Janice Lynn Hartman, the daughter of Dorothy (Sherwood) and Walter Hartman, was born September 13, 1948.

Janice has earned a B.A. Degree from Manchester College and a Masters Degree from Ball State. She was employed as a Counselor at the State School in Fort Wayne, Indiana and later, Janice was Personnel Director for Montgomery Wards stores in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Grand Rapids, Michigan and for Moline, Illinois. For the last 15 years Janice has managed the record and C-D music department in 10 Indiana Target Stores in Fort Wayne, Huntington, Muncie, Anderson, South Bend, and Elkart. With all the traveling her position gives her it is a wonder that Janice has time to be in her home on Trier Road in Fort Wayne.

David Allen Langley is the son of Shirley (Sherwood) and Robert Langley. David was born November 1, 1952.

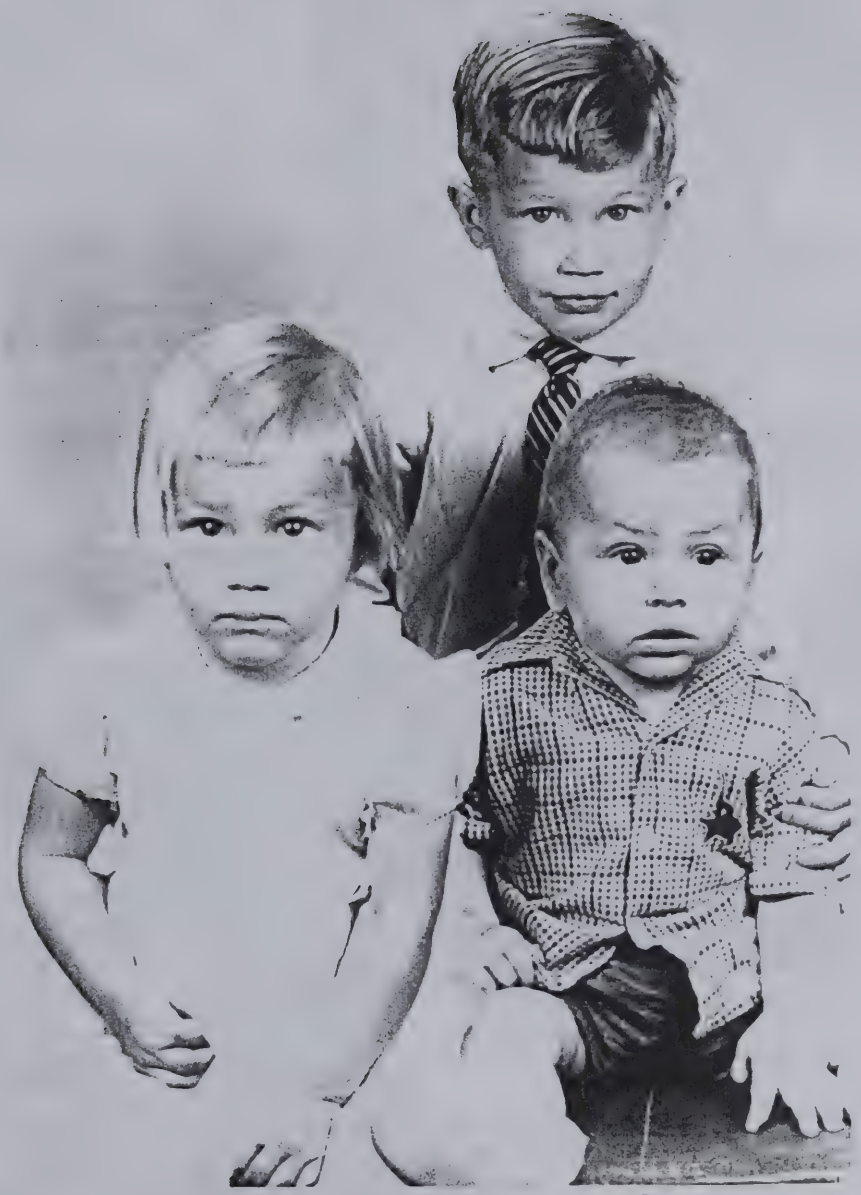
David and Laurie Valeski married on June 7, 1981. To David and Laurie were born the following children: James, Luke, Kara Lee, and Megan.

David is an architect and has his own office, which he built, in Woodland Park, Colorado where David and his family make their home.

David Langley

Shirley, David Sherwood & husband

David



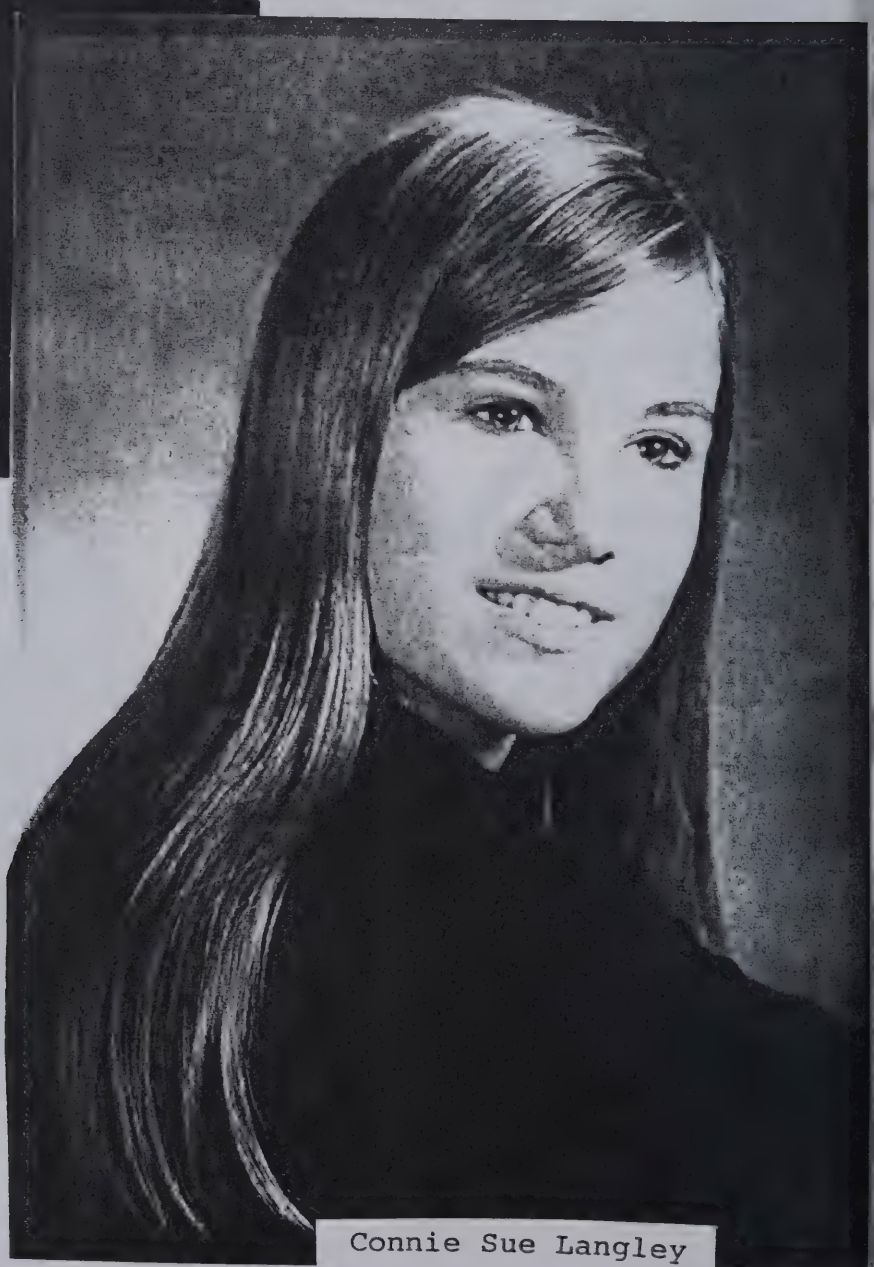
David, Thomas & Connie Langley

Connie Sue Langley was born August 20, 1954 to Shirley (Sherwood) and Robert Langley.

Connie married Kenneth Perry Shives on August 30, 1975. Kenneth, called Ken, was born July 24, 1953. A single child, Justin, was born to this union.

Connie is working at "Child Care Connection" in Florida and Ken is a policeman at Coral Springs, Florida. Ken and Connie's family live in N. Lauderdale, Florida.

Thomas Lynn Langley



Connie Sue Langley

Thomas Lynn Langley, son of Shirley (Sherwood) and Robert Langley, was born November 16, 1955.

Thomas married Brenda Lee Leiter on August 21, 1976. Brenda was born January 24, 1956. To Thomas and Brenda were born Leah Lenore, Anthony Carl, Larissa Ranee, and Larin Ann.

Thomas is a farmer and has bought the family farm near Stroh where he was raised. Thomas' mother has a mobil home right next to Thomas' family.

Larry David Mason was born in DeKalb County on August 11, 1945, the son of Billie (Walter) and John Mason. Larry's grandfather on his father's side is Lloyd Mason. Larry grew up in DeKalb County living with his father and spent special time with his Grandpa and Grandma Walter.

While growing up Larry enjoyed the outdoors and had a special interest in animals and insects. One story that was recalled happened when he was staying with his Grandpa and Grandma Walter. He was allowed to keep bees in an observation hive in his bedroom until his Grandma found that bees were gettig loose in the house. Needless to say the hive had to go.

Another story of Larry being all boy took place when at age 12 he was painting Grandad's barn. Aunt Sue came out and he scared her especially well with a nice little spider he had found.

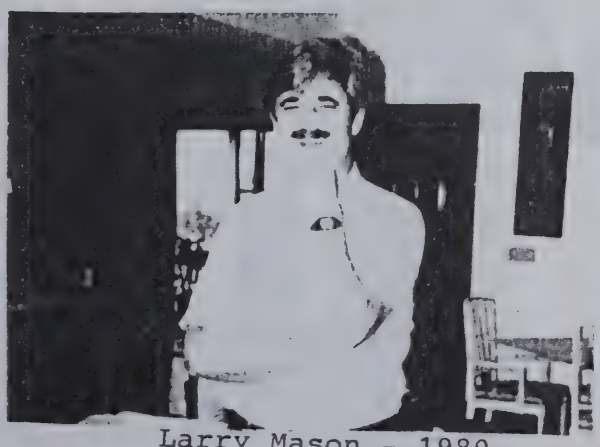
Larrry married Barbara Alice Renfrow on June 3, 1967. Barbara was born May 12, 1949 and her parents are Olon C. Renfrow and Goldie Nevaline Renfrow. Her grandfather on her father's side was Curtis Renfrow.

Larry and Barbara are the parents of a daughter, Carrie Lyn, born while the couple still lived in Indiana. Larry works for UPS (United Parcel Service) in Florida.

This family first resided in Auburn, Indiana until 1983 when they moved to their present state of Florida. In 1986, Larry and Barbara bought 3 acres of land in Yulee and built a cedar home. This couple likes living in Florida very much and would never return to the north to live although they do enjoy returning there on vacation.

Even though the author has not seen him since childhood, Larry is remembered as a warm and happy person. He is a family member we all enjoy having.

Larry, Linda, Laune & Letha
1962



Larry Mason - 1980

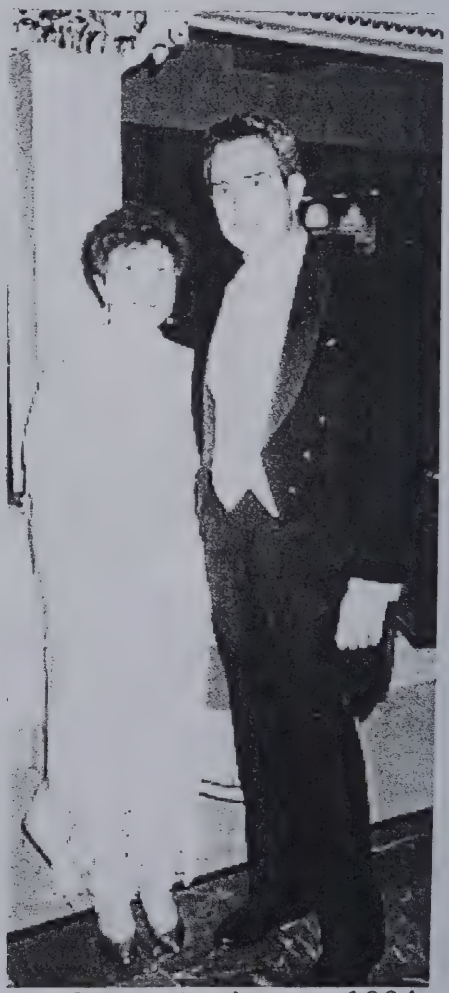
Linda Sue Mason, the daughter of Billie (Walter) and John Mason, was born April 26, 1947 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Linda was raised first in St. Joe and later in Fort Wayne where Linda graduated from Elmhurst High School. Linda went on to attend Ball State College for 2 years and then studied at the University of Grenable in France. She received her B.S. degree from Purdue University and Master Degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne. Linda taught French at Bishop Leuer High School for several years and as a chaperone for several years she took the senior class to France.

Linda married Stephen Michael Sims. Stephen was born October 9, 1946. His parents are John Stephen Noonan and Elsie Rist. His paternal grandfather is Joseph Arthur Noonan. The Noonan family resided in Brockton, Mass.

To this couple was born Jessica Elizabeth and Rachel Elizabeth. Both children were born in Fort Wayne, Indiana where the family resides. The family attends the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Linda is a Trust Officer at Norwest Bank in Fort Wayne. Stephen had been Prosecuting Attorney in Allen County for 12 years, retiring in 1994 and is now a magistrate judge.

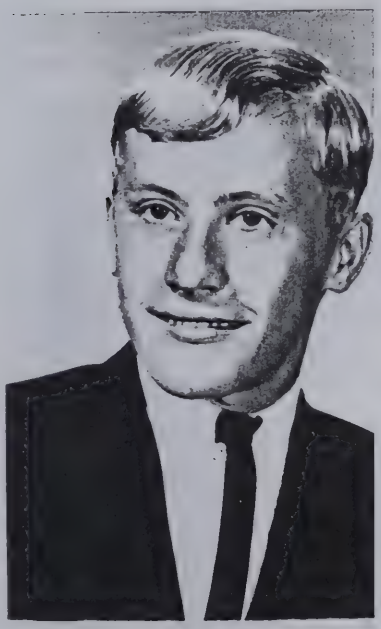
Linda Mason
H.S. Graduation



Linda & Stephen - 1994

Letha & Mark, Laune & Clare,
and Steve & Linda
1980

Laune Jon Mason is the son of Billie (Walter) and John Mason and was born September 28, 1949 in Auburn, Indiana. Laune's father's parents were Lloyd K. Mason and Angela Mason. Laune was first raised on a farm on County Road 64 between Spencerville and St. Joe and while there he attended Spencercville Elementary School. At the age of 12 Laune moved to Fort Wayne to live with his mother and step-father, Gilbert Meyers. After graduating from Elmhurst High School, Laune studied pre-med at Wabash College for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years before transferring to Purdue University and graduating in 1971 with a Bachelor degree in Psycology. Laune went on to attend post graduate school in Psychology at Ball State University and St. Francis College in 1972 and 1973. During these two years of study Laune worked at the Fort Wayne State Hospital as Associate Clinical Psychologist. During 1973 and 1974 Laune's studies continued in a totally different line of career choice. He now studies Associate Architecture at Indiana University.



Laune Mason

Laune Mason with children
Ben (11) & Aileen (9)
Easter 1995

The Mason Kids
on the farm
-about 1955-

Laune at work
1986

Laune was Owner and Vice-President of Masters and Mason Builders, Inc. from 1975 to 1980. Laune worked from 1980 to 1983 for Allen J. Wise Construction Company before becoming sole owner through the present time. Laune designs and builds homes in and around Allen County, Indiana. Respect for Laune's expertise became even more evident when he was elected President of the Fort Wayne Home Builders Association in 1988.

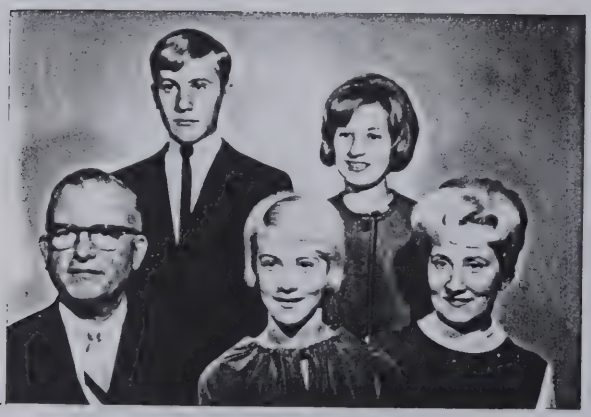
Laune and Clare M. Shoaff were married August 19, 1972. Clare's parents are Thomas Richard and Phyllis K. Shoaff. Clare has been a school teacher for the Fort Wayne Community Schools since graduating from the University of Michigan in 1971 and she received her Masters degree in Education from Indiana University.

Laune and Clare's two adopted children, Richard Benjamin and Susan Aileen completed their family. Fortunately Laune and Clare were able to choose their wonderful little ones at birth and had the opportunity to completely raise them themselves. Laune and Clare were divorced June, 1992.

Laune presently has a small farm, outside New Haven while the children live with Clare in nearby Fort Wayne. Laune continues designing homes.

Letha Mason

Letha, Mark & girls
Christmas 1989



Laune, Linda
Gillie, Leatha & Billie

Letha & Mark Chambers
Gourmet Cooking
Christmas 1994

Letha Ann Mason, the daughter of Billie (Walter) and John Mason, was born December 4, 1951 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Letha was raised the first 8 years of her life in St. Joe growing up on a rural farm and these years are remembered as very special. Farm life has so much to offer a small child and she can recall swinging on a rope in the barn and building forts out of bails of straw. Letha remembers riding with her Dad on the tracter as he plowed the fields and running naked with her siblings in mud puddles in the back yard. Her brother, Laune and she used to climb to the top of the corn crib and throw ears of corn out the highest window into the barnyard to hit nearby pigs in the butt! Such wonderful memories. Letha fondly remembers taking family showers in the cellar of their farmhouse just a few feet from the furnace where they shoveled coal to heat the house.

When Letha was 5 her parents divorced and her mother moved from the area to Fort Wayne. When Letha was 8 her mother remarried and Letha, Laune and Linda went to live with them. Letha remembers how kind and generous her stepfather, Gillie, was and that he treated them as his own children. It was a sad time for all when he died in 1980.

Letha's father, John, remarried in 1968. He also married a very fine person who treated the kids with thoughtfulness and love. John and his wife had a child of their own in 1976 and he, Johnny, has proved to be a terrific 'little' brother to Letha.

Linda, Laune and Letha spent the remainder of their childhood growing up on the southwest side of Fort Wayne. Letha attended Aboitt Elementary School, the same one that her youngest daughter, Betsy, now attends. Later Letha attended and graduated in 1970 from Elmhurst High School. There were no sporting activities available for girls at that time so she worked off her energy for several years as a cheerleader.

Leatha attended West Virginia University from 1970-1973, majoring in Social Work, but did not graduate. She returned to Fort Wayne and went to work as a Case Worker at a local hospital for the mentally handicapped. Since the pay was low she also worked other jobs to compensate. Deciding on a career change Letha went to work as a Marketing Rep. for IBM until it became necessary to retire to raise her family.

Letha and Mark Christopher Zinn Chambers were married on January 14, 1977. Mark was born in Fort Wayne on May 31, 1946 to Joseph and Ruth (Antin) Zinn and was adopted by Alan Chambers. Mark was born into a Jewish heritage but he is not active in the faith. Letha and their daughters are Lutheran Christians and Letha enjoys attending a weekly Bible study which has drawn for her a deeper understanding of her beliefs.

Shortly after their marriage Mark and Letha purchased an old house, built in 1920, and began renovating it. The reconstruction took several years and it was during these years that all of their children were born. Sarah Antin came first in 1977, with her middle name coming from Mark's mother's maiden name. Next came Ruth Sherwood, born in 1980, with her middle name coming from Letha's grandmother's maiden name. The last

daughter, Elizabeth Mason, was born in 1983 with her middle name being taken from Letha's maiden name.

Letha is very active in the American Cancer Society and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic but her main joy is her family. Letha realizes her girls are terrific kids that are sensitive, thoughtful and level headed. In this age of teenage disrespect and over use of so many kinds of drugs she knows she is very fortunate and she also realizes her blessing in her kind and hardworking husband. Mark is a lawyer in a local Fort Wayne law firm (Haller & Calvin) and devotes a lot of time to his work but he also loves to take his family on great trips and working in their yard. The family took up skiing a few years ago as a family activity and they all enjoy it.

Presently Letha is working in sales for Stein Advertising. For Letha the job is perfect because it allows her the flexibility to be available for her girls and Mark.

This family lives outside Fort Wayne in Aboite Township on 3 acres of land and as Letha puts it, consequently, they have two large dogs and a riding lawnmower. Life couldn't be better!!

Jackie, Janice & Margie Walter

Janice Walter

Janice & Jackie Walter

Janice Elaine Walter, born on November 2, 1946, is the daughter of Pete and Evelyn Walter. Janice was the oldest of five children and took the responsibilities of that position in life's stride.

Jan was and still is a take-charge person. Janice knows how to get things accomplished without altering the flow of things. In her school years she was active in Pep Club, 4H Club and the Yearbook staff while working part time at Hamilton Drug Store in Waterloo. Janice's popularity was signified by her becoming Homecoming Queen in her Junior year. Janice also won a Betty Crocker award while in school.

Janice married her high school sweetheart, Larry Gene Lockwood, on February 21, 1965 at the Cedar Lake Church of Christ of Ashley, Indiana. Larry is the son of Bernard B. and LaVoyle (Headley) Lockwood, born June 11, 1945 in DeKalb County.

Jan & Larry

Jan's Family - November 1994
Lisa & Bill Clifford, Janice with Tracy Clifford, Gregg Lockwood, Larry Lockwood with Bailey Hartman, Doug Lockwood, Angie Lockwood with Chase Lockwood, Kim & Greg Hartman.

Janice & Larry Lockwood

The following four children complete the Lockwood family: Douglas Edward, Kimberly Dawn, Lisa Renee, and Gregg Allen. All of the children were born at the local hospital in Auburn. The Lockwood homesite is in the Auburn countryside.

Janice's family have always been active together in many family activities. As the children were growing up they enjoyed biking, tennis, games, basketball, cards, softball, exercising together, lots of cookouts and family vacations. The family home has a paved tennis court and basketball area and swimming pool that the whole family enjoyed, including the extended families of Walters and Deventers.

In looking back one of the children realizes that Janice and Larry were good disciplinarians but not overly strict. They gave up a lot for their kids to do what they wanted in activies. There were many lessons in tennis, swimming, piano, and golf, just to name a few. Raising this large family of four children meant working overtime or extra jobs at times to give the children all the costumes, tennis shirts, and many lessons they wanted. Janice worked many jobs throughout her life, the latest and longest spent at is in the Post Office. Janice started out in the Fort Wayne Post Office but moved on to Assistant Post Master of Garrett and then became Post Master of St. Joe Post Office. Janice's warm personality and organization skills are a plus for her position. Larry worked at Kraft Foods for a short time at the beginning of their marriage and then moved on to Dana Corporation in Auburn. Larry pent his remaining work life at Dana and recently retired.

This family is one of the greatest for doing things together. All the family members enjoyed going to each of the kid's sport activities. Now that all of the kids except the youngest, Gregg, have married and have children Janice and Larry enjoy their new role as grandparents. It is with great joy the time they spend with both their kids and their grandkids.

Lockwood Family
1983

Janice with grandkids
Tracey & Bailey - 1994

Jackie Ann Walter was born February 7, 1949 in DeKalb County to Pete and Evelyn Walter. Jackie grew up in the country and remembers the work as hard but rewarding. She says, "We had to work and it paid off in the long run." Jackie remembers doing chores before and after school but also remembers us kids ice skating a lot, too. She returned to country living once she and her husband purchased property. Jackie was very active during her school years. She was in basketball, as well as, in school plays, co-editor of the yearbook staff, and in the National Honor Society during her junior and senior years. Jackie received a very unusual award of attendance on graduation day. Jackie was the only student to graduate from Waterloo School never having missed a day of school during her twelve years of school. Jackie was an honor roll student and graduated 5th in her class in 1967 and she went on to Indiana University and graduated with an Associate Degree in Accounting in 1970. Jackie was also on the Dean's List in college. Jackie's determination is still seen in her many accomplishments.

Jackie

Jackie married James Albert Hoff on January 26, 1971 in a beautiful wedding at the Immaculate Conception Church in DeKalb County. This church was to remain their family place of worship until they moved to Butler. The family church is now St. Mary's Catholic Church of Edgerton, Ohio.

Jim was born March 26, 1948 in Auburn to Albert and Helen Hoff. Jim has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Jim and Jackie graduated the same year from high school and Jim was in the Air Force for 4 years before his marriage to Jackie. Jim presently works for Rieke, Corporation and oversees many plants including German, Mexican, and Canadian plants. Jim enjoys farming, golfing, reading, hunting, and fishing.

The Hoffs built their first home just outside of Waterloo but they later made their home on a farm outside of Butler.

The two sons born to Jackie and Jim are Jason Edward and James Christian. The family took yearly vacations, usually to Georgia to visit Jim's brother, going to the lake and spending weekends with friends at the lake.

Jackie works for Farm Bureau Credit Union in Auburn. Jackie has worked her way up in more than one job from her beginning

with the accounting degree she received from I.U. Jackie enjoys bowling, playing tennis, reading and sewing. She has created beautiful Christmas tree skirts for each of her nieces and nephews as wedding gifts, as well as, her sisters and mother. These tree skirts are elaborate heirlooms cherished by us all.

Jackie & her Dad

Mom, Janice & Jackie

Jackie & Janice Walter

Jackie and her family
Jason, Jimmy, Jackie & Jim

Jackie, Janice,
Margie Walter
Sept., 1956

Jackie Walter

Evelyn, Janice, Jane & Jackie

Marjorie Joann Walter, (the author) was born September 1, 1950 to Pete and Evelyn Walter at Souders Hospital in Auburn. My parents took me home a few days later to a lovely old farm house outside of St. Joe that was to be my home for the next 12 years.

Margie & her Dad

At this point in my life I could not have possibly realized how lucky I was to have two older sisters waiting at home to greet me. My oldest sister, Janice, is four years older than me and my next older sister, Jackie is only one and a half years older. My sisters and I played well together.

In a matter of $2\frac{1}{2}$ years after I was born I found out what it was like to share love even more as my folks were the proud parents of a set of twins. My sister Jane was the first twin delivered while Jimmy was the first to breath. My father felt right in smiling and saying that he had to take four girls to get a boy.

I don't remember much about these early years but I'm sure I felt a little stepped upon because of all the attention twins would require. Twenty-one years later my Grandpa Walter told me that he had always felt a little sorry for me in those first couple of years after the twins were born. He told me that I would run and jump into his lap whenever I saw him, begging for attention. As my Grandpa related this story to me he also gave me a gold wedding band of my Grandma Jennie's. My grandmother's ring is a treasured possession.

I enjoyed country living and had special places to go off alone to and enjoy nature at it's best. One such place was the little spot in the woods that could be created into a magical place to fit my mood. I remember much fun of growing up in a family of seven. Most often the other four kids paired off, the two older ones together and the two younger ones together but there was still the feeling of family togetherness. It is remembered how our parents tried to make things easier for the kids even though they had to milk cows morning and night and work in the fields, weather permitting. One such way was the installation of antique ringer phones in the house and barn. Many times we would 'ring' the folks with, "Janie is doing...." or "Jackie won't let me...." I'm sure we tried our parents patience often with the phone hookup.

The growing up years included attending church camp a couple of summers. The church camps were enjoyed, with the sharing of new friendships, creating crafts, and part of the memories include spending the money sent with us on lots of candy.

Margie Walter

Janice, Jackie & Mom holding Margie

Back in those days we didn't travel a lot but instead spent time at each place we went when we got to go. These early years were spent staying with cousins for a weekend or even a week at a time.

The high school years were important ones for us all. I followed in Janice's footsteps and worked at the Hamilton Drug Store, the main hangout for kids. I was voted Sweetheart for the F.F.A. Club in my Junior year and I enjoyed many activities including being head photographer of the school newspaper in my senior year. An interesting story that goes along with being head photographer is that I applied for the position on a whim, never having taken a photgraph in my short life. Since that was the year of consoladating three schools the Superintendant wanted a mixture of students from each school on each staff and in each club. So, I was given the position and a week at Indiana University in Bloomington that summer with my 2 staff photographers taking a quick course in photography. I had lots of flexibility in my school schedule so that I could take pictures for the paper. I will say that we did borrow pictures from the yearbook staff a lot that year.

I graduated in the first graduating class of DeKalb High School in 1968 and went on to graduate many years later from Purdue University of Fort Wayne with an Associate Degree in Supervision and a minor in Library Science. I also attended

Omaha Art School in 1969. Schooling was an accomplishment for me but not as important as the reading of my immense library collection or going off on a whim to learn new things. My life was made for adventures and new experiences.

I've worked numerous positions including head librarian, secrtary, traveling photographer, realtor, and waitresssing. Waitressing is a position I enjoy most because I enjoy serving people and it affords me the flexibility in hours that I need for my lifestyle.

Margie Walter - 1973

I married Gerald Lee Nairn on November 2, 1973 in Ames, Iowa at the Ames Collegiate United Methodist Church. To this union were born Burton Edward and Gary Allen. Gerald, who's parents were Lloyd and Viola Nairn, was born on November 14, 1945 and raised in Iowa. Five and a half years later, on August 31, 1979, we were divorced.

I raised my children alone since Burt was 5 and Gary was 6 months old. As a single parent I tried to adjust my work schedule to accomodate my children's school and after school activities. I raised the boys in my Waterloo home until Burt was graduated and Gary was a Freshman in high school. At that time I searched for a better place to live for Gary and I and through my friends who had retired to the Michigan Upper Penninsula we found our new home next to Lake Superior. In the purchase of our home we also acquired the rental home on the back end of the property. This did allow a financial freedom in the area of not having to worry about paying a morgage payment each month but the home we next lived in taught us what 'buyer beware' means. It is all taken in stride and I know we are very fortunate for all that we have in our lives. After Gary returned to Indiana during his junior year of school I moved 60 miles away to Grand Marais, Michigan. Grand Marais is soothing to my soul in that it allows the freedom of my artistic spirit to roam while giving me a safe harbor in which to roast.

As a single parent there never seemed to be enough money for long vacations but there were afternoon trips to Pleasant Lake or stops at the park so the boys could run and play. We made trips to Cedar Point Amusement Park and to Kings Island. While at Kings Island we camped out and went to a Cinncinati Reds game. Since both of my sons have been avid Celtic fans there was that big surprise Celtics game at the Silver Dome one year.

I am a collector of family history. I have written another family book, Our Deventer Family, on my mother's maiden name line and look forward to completing the Walter and Akey family

histories. For a time I was a colomnist for a small town newspaper writing an article entitled 'Home Remedies'. The creativity of writing has given me much pleasure. I also enjoy oil painting and have created family portraits of my son, Burt, two of my father, one of my Great-Aunt Jane, whom this book is dedicated to, and one of great-niece, Tracy Clifford, with her mother. Painting is a frustrating art at times but one that gives me a feeling of great accomplishment. It is a goal of mine to create a portrait of each great-niece and great-nephew as a gift of life to them. My children and grandchildren will, of course, also receive portraits.

Christmas time is a special season to me. I enjoy creating gifts for my family and friends. I have created homemade Christmas ornaments for the nieces and nephews and my sons for many years so that they would have a collection for their decorating when the time came. I also present our family newlyweds with a Family Bible of their own and a family tree chart showing the two families becoming one. I also give high school graduates a special made afghan and have promised college graduates a home made quilt. As you can see traditions mean a lot to me.

Life has a way of doing a turn-about sometimes and so it seems to have done for me in the last four years since moving to Michigan. My career choice was once selling real estate something I immensely enjoyed but found financially inconsistent. I have also become a land baron, of sorts. (Please note the humor in that statement.) I presently own 3 rental houses. I am presently working to get the final 6 college credit hours needed to substitute teach at the local Burt Township School. With these new choices made I can honestly say that there is never a dull moment in my life.

In the small community of Grand Marais,where I presently reside, I am close to Lake Superior and all the glory that a small tourist town can provide. This community, with it's setting in nature, is one that creates a harmony for me as I enjoy the small town of few people, nature in abundance and its 2 hour drive to the nearest Wal-Mart. Being a waitress allows me the freedom to enjoy life and the goodness it offers. I strive to help others smile and enjoy life more, knowing this is the greatest gift I could allow to remain when I leave.

Waterloo Home

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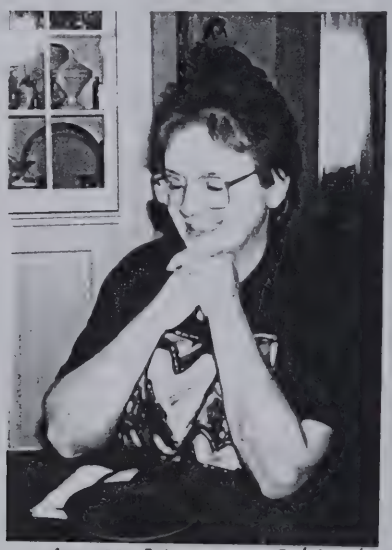
Janice & Mom
Jackie Margie
- Walter family photo -

Margie with her sons,
Gary & Burt - 1986



Margie Walter - 3/22/95

Jane, Janice, Mom, Margie, Jackie - 1985

Burt & Gary Nairn
& Mom, Margie Walter
Christmas 1993

Jane Ellen Walter, is the daughter side of a set of twins born to Pete and Evelyn Walter on June 27, 1953 in DeKalb Co. Janie and her twin, Jimmy, had the usual joys of children growing up with a soul mate close at hand and had the continual feeling of companionship and belonging that few persons outside of twins can feel. Janie grew up being sports minded since she and her brother enjoyed playing basketball and baseball together, as well as talking sports. They also enjoyed creating and exploring new ideas and just plain getting into mischief together. There was the time they mixed a few household chemicals (soda and vinegar) together and shook it up in a bottle to make small explosions, and, of course, there was the memorable time they threw antique mantal clocks out of the haymow - just to hear them chime when they hit the barn floor. Janie and Jimmy were definately a pair to watch as they grew up.

Jane Walter - 1956

Jimmy, Janie & Margie Walter

Jane remembers country living with a lot of good feeling, saying it gave a sense of space and freedom that city living doesn't allow. Jane remembers spending all day mowing the large yard. This particular memory includes the many little garter snakes that were run over in the process.

During her high school years Jane's close friends were Vonda Myers, Michelle Moughler, Sue Wolfe and Ann Synesell. Jane and the girls still get together occasionally to talk over old times. While in high school Jane was active in Pep club, Student Service, and during her senior year she went to school ½ days and worked ½ days. Jane remembers that while involved in all these activities she worked a lot in the family's dairy equipment store.

Jane graduated from DeKalb High School in 1972 and went on to spend many years attending college part-time to graduate from Indiana University of Fort Wayne in May of 1991 with a Bachelor degree in Business/Accounting. Jane is presently involved in the extensive study needed to take her CPA test.

Jane has held many jobs, each one was taken on to better herself in pay as well as her growth and ability to do something new. Being a U.S. Postal Worker in Fort Wayne has been Jane's work choice for many years now. Jane's place of worship is the Christ Church at Georgetown in Fort Wayne where she not only enjoys the fellowship during worship but enjoys being a member of the Church's softball team.

The many years of schooling show Jane's determination of bettering herself. She is straight-forward in her optimistic thinking and knows where she is going in life, which is why this goal-setter reaches her goals. Jane enjoys spending her free time playing cards, softball, golfing or reading Patricia Cornwell books. Besides being an active sports participant Jane enjoys watching TV sports. Jane's love of playing cards is fulfilled when she can join her mom, Uncle Red, Aunt Jean, sister Janice and brother-in-law Larry for the Saturday night Eucore games. Much laughter and teasing is had by all.

Jane Walter with her parents
Evelyn & Bob (Pete) Walter

Jane

Through the years Jane has enjoyed her nieces and nephews and now enjoys their children. Jane has noticed that she has had a chance in the last few years to get the know her sisters better and enjoys the rebonding of family spirit.

Jane with Great Nephue Chase
December 1994

Jane Walter 1985

Jane Walter 10/93

James Edward Walter, the twin of Jane, was born to Pete and Evelyn Walter on June 27, 1953 in DeKalb County. Jimmy was a good looking, fun-loving, kind person and he was definately all-boy in his growing years. Jimmy always seemed to explore and enjoy the county life given with growing up on a farm.

Jimmy and his twin, Janie, were quite the twosome in their early life on the farm. Jimmy started driving the tractors at age five and since Jimmy was the usual height for a five year old, many times people would be driving down the road staring at the tractor moving in the field seemingly driving itself. Even before this Jimmy and Jane learned how much work there was on the farm early because they had to be taken along with the parents on farm chores if there were no babysitters available. Farm life seemed to heighten Jimmy's love of life.

Jimmy - 1955

Jim Walter 1962

While Jimmy was young his parents' property almost butt up against his Grandpa Walter's. Due to this close proximity Jimmy had the opportunity to spend much time with his Grandpa and did. They went to auctions together where Jimmy could watch Grandpa get some good deals by wheeling and dealing. Jimmy and Grandpa Walter were very close.

Cousin Joey Walter and Jimmy had a lot of fun when at Grandpa's house for family gatherings. One time Jimmy and Joey took Grandpa Walter's boat back to fish in his pond. It never failed that when they were doing something they would forget the most important thing needed. This time they forgot the oars! The oars were remembered once the boys were out in the middle of the pond.

I can remember once when my brother and I decided to run away from home. We were going to ride our bikes so that we could get away as fast as possible. When we were packing our sisters, Janice and Jackie, found out and started to help us pack! Little did we realize that their helping had a knowing laugh behind it. Well, Jimmy and I set off on our bikes and didn't even get a mile down the road before we were fighting and deciding to go back home where we didn't have to look at each other.

I also can remember another time Jimmy and I got into trouble together. Jimmy wanted to go to the neighbors and being a goody-two-shoes I said we'd have to ask Dad and Mom first. Well, he convinced me that it was alright to go without permission. The result was our parents looking for us for 2 hours and us getting 'lickings' and being sent to bed. I learned to think for myself after that.

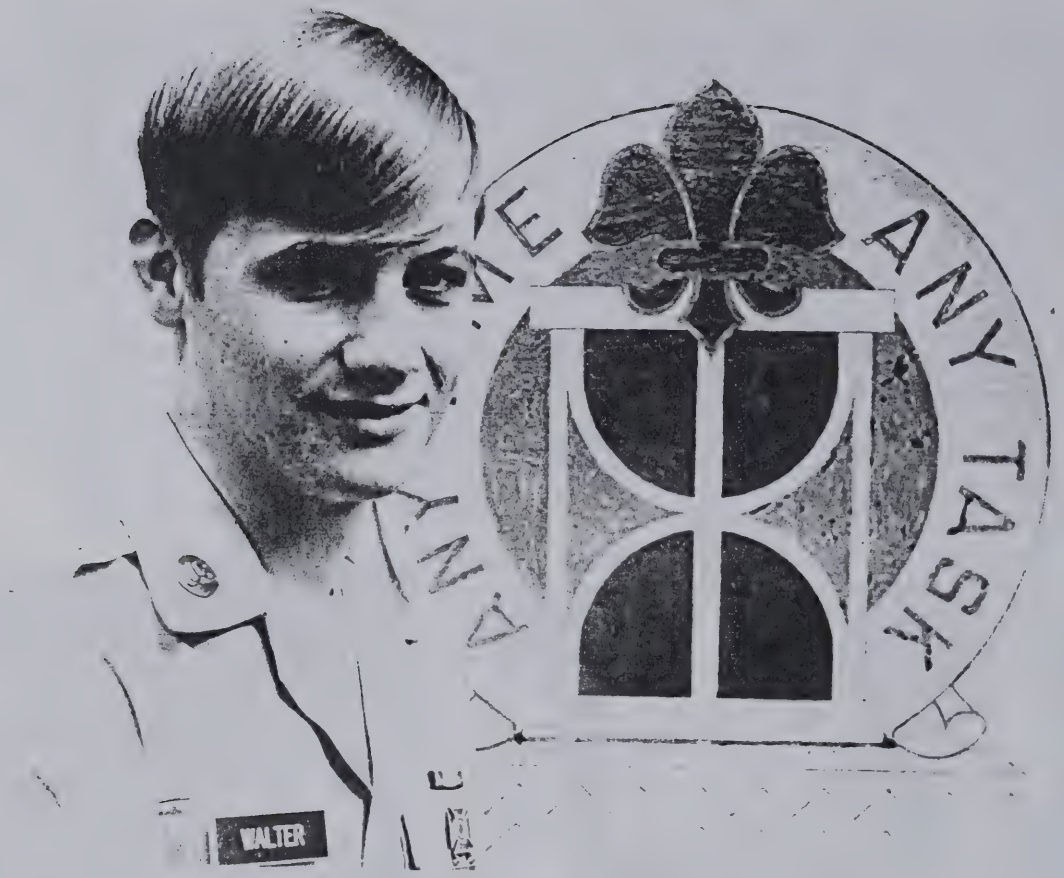
As you can see Jimmy was ornery and full of life. He worked for his Uncle Lee on Lee's farm a lot and also at the Marathon Sinclair Station in Auburn while in high school. Even with his jobs Jimmy had time to be on the Wrestling team at school.

Jimmy quit school the beginning of his Junior year and joined the Army. After being in the service for awhile Jimmy decided to sign up for Germany. During his stay in Germany he became homesick and wrote asking that family come visit and sightsee with him. His parents did go visit, enjoying a special time touring Europe with him. Unforeseen at that time was the tragic death of Jimmy on October 9, 1973, only two short weeks after his parents' return home. The untimely death of Jimmy, with only 2 months of service time remaining, was stunning. The total disbielf of his death being real was felt by all. We were told it would take up to 14 days before the body could be returned for burial. What did the Army mean "waiting for casket space on the airplane"? Could this really be true? But it was. Luckily, strings were pulled and our brother/son/friend arrived in time for an open casket ceremony. Now that we could see him we had to believe the truth. Our beloved Jimmy had passed on into the next world, leaving behind saddened hearts but wonderful memories. Jimmy now rests alongside his father in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Pete Walter & son Jim at service graduation - 1971

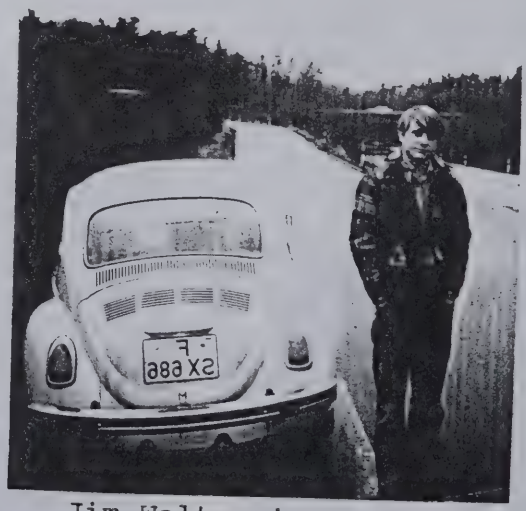
Jim Walter 1970

Jim Walter 1970



James Edward Walter

Jim Walter
in the Army



Jim Walter in Germany
November 1972

Joseph Eugene Walter was born March 16, 1954 to Joe and Audrey Walter. Joey, as he was called when young, grew up first in St. Joe and later in Wolcottville, Indiana. When ask about family gatherings at Grandpa and Grandma Walter's house, Joe remembered a time he and his cousin Jimmy Walter used Grandpa's paraffin and waxed up Grandpa's back windows. The rest of the family were inside and the boys were never caught.

Another time Joe and his Sherwood cousins got into a funfilled scrape was when Laune, Van, Jimmy and Joe decided to build a raft one day. They built the raft with some old tractor tubes that Laune found and then they put a piece of plywood over them and Laune made a rudder for steering. The problem of transporting the raft to the river was solved easily enough by using Uncle John's family Corvair while John was away. The boys proceeded to transport the raft to the Spencerville covered bridge that was located just down the road from John's house, for a trail run. Jimmy was the only one on the raft for the trial run and only went from one side of the bridge to the other. The real test of the raft started in St. Joe. The boys took the raft (placed on top of the car) to St. Joe where they put it afloat. Since it took the two smaller boys to drive the car to the destination of the raft, the Spencerville covered bridge, only Laune and Van were aboard. Jimmy drove the car and Joe worked the petals all the way from St. Joe to the Spencerville Bridge. Joe laughs when he remembers how mad Jimmy kept getting because when they were driving towards an intersection, Joe would give the car a little gas and then push on the break and look up and out the window to see if they were at the stop sign yet ... every 100 feet. The boys drove past their Uncle John's house and parked the car beside the bridge and waited for Laune and Van to arrive from St. Joe on the raft. But Joe's mom arrived first. Talk about parents seeing red. The boys very quickly realized that the raft idea was not a favorable one with their parents.

Joey - 1973

Joe married Debra K. Brock on November 3, 1973 and later divorced in 1976. A beautiful little girl named Sheila Kay was born of this union. Joe married again and another child is thought to have been born.

Teresa Nadine Walter was born on April 13, 1958 to Joe and Audrey Walter. Teresa has a owned a home close to her parents while working in Fort Wayne and later in Auburn. Teresa was last know to be manager of a temporary help service in Auburn.

Teresa

Jeremy Emmett Walter, the son of Joe and Audrey Walter, was born January 18, 1972 in Noble County, Indiana. Jeremy was a surprise baby that was a blessing to the whole family.

When Jeremy was small his Grandpa Walter would find much enjoyment in gettine down on the floor and playing with him. Since Jeremy was a late grandchild Grandpa could spend more individualized time with him.

Jeremy - 1978

Van Hine was born to Bill and Pat (Walter) Hine on October 8, 1951 in Auburn, Indiana. The family resided in Pennsylvania. Van married Doris Attalah.

Van Hine - 1969

Van

Jan - 1966

Jane Walter & Jan Hine
1962

Janet Hine - 1974

Janet Hine is the daughter of Bill and Pat (Walter) Hine. Jan was born September 8, 1956 in N. Brunswick, New Jersey. Jan married Salim Paunuar in Fort Wayne, Indiana on February 25, 1974.

Billie Bert Hine, son of Bill and Pat Hine, was born May 19, 1960 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania and was also raised in Pennsylvania.

Billie Hine

Billie Bert Hine - 1969

Bill, Pat & Billie Hines
Ocober, 1955

Kamala Sue Richmond, called Kami, was the first daughter of Bob and Sue Richmond, born May 5, 1957 in Souders Hospital. Kami and her sister and brother were raised in St. Joe and later in Fort Wayne. Kami graduated from South Side High School and went to college, graduating from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne. Kami started to work for the K-Mart Corporation and stayed with that company until 1994. In 1995 Kami went to work for the Office Depot Company, also located in Fort Wayne.

Kamala Richmond

Monica Sue Richmond is the daughter of Bob and Sue Richmond, born July 2, 1959 in Souders Hospital in Auburn. Monica grauated from South Side High School.

Monica married Kent Gerard Ellison in Fort Wayne on October 1, 1977. Monica and Kent resided in Fort Wayne. A son, Jeremiah Kent, was born to this union.

Monica later married Robert Riller on October 24, 1992 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and twins were born to this marriage. The twins are Robert Allen and Elizabeth Ashley.

Robert Craig Richmond, son of Sue (Walter) and Robert Richmond, was born April 26, 1961 in Auburn, Indiana at Souders Hospital. Robert was raised in St. Joe and later in Fort Wayne.

Robert married Anita Marie Hille in Fort Wayne, Indiana and their children were Janell Marie and Allison Leigh. Both of these children were born in Fort Wayne. Robert later married Dawn Neilson. No children were born of this marriage.

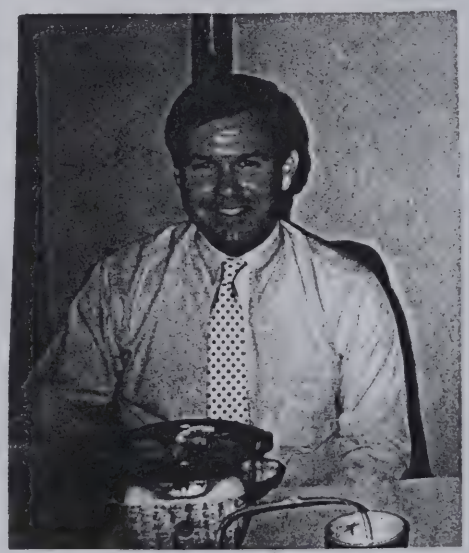
Sandra Kay Gnagy is the daughter born to Betty (Baird) and Jerald Gnagy, Sr. Sandra was born December 5, 1946. Sandra and Joseph Mahnesmith were married on March 3, 1966 and divorced on 1969. On October 26, 1972 Sandra and Melvin Maggerl were married. To this union was born Ty Jacob and Tara Jonelle. Sandra and Melvin were divorced in 1980. She married Richard Bond on May 12, 1986. This family lives in Garrett, Indiana.

Jerald Heath Gnagy, Jr. was born December 29, 1948 to Betty (Baird) and Jerald Gnagy, Sr. Jerald is single and lives in Boulder, Colorado.

Richard A. Baker is the son of Roma (Baird) and Edward Baker and was born October 11, 1950. Rick was a 1968 graduate in the first graduating class of DeKalb High School.

Rick married Judy Ann Dunn on August 9, 1969. Judy was born July 11, 1952. To Rick and Judy were born Raquel, Lindsey, Michael and Jackie.

Rick work has moved the family a few times. The family resided in DeKalb County, Indiana and then California for many years but in the summer of 1994 they moved and built a home in Fargo, North Dekota. Rick's family recently returned to live in California. The family feels the vast difference in the 3 communities they have lived. Waterloo, Indiana was a small town, Placentia, California was a large city, while Fargo is a middle of the other two. Rick travels extensive with his job and recently spent a week in Germany.


Rick Baker

Rick is a quiet man while his wife is very outgoing and the children a mix of the two.

Judy Baker

Rick, Lindsey, Judy, Jackie, Mick & Raquel Baker - Newpot Beach 1987

Ronald E. Baker, born September 13, 1952, is the son of Roma (Baird) and Edward Baker. Ronald, called Ron, graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970. He was in the Navy, stationed at San Diego, California and Bremeutou, Washington. Ron served time on the USS Coustellation, an aircraft vessel. Ron married Judy Ann Ulm on June 28, 1975. Judy was born April 10, 1953. To Ronald and Judy was born Nicholas Matthew.

He graduated from Purdue University and his work has taken him to Wisconsin, as well as, Indiana. Ron presently resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Cheryl A. Baker, is the daughter of Roma (Baird) and Edward Baker. Cheryl was born September 17, 1955 and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1973. Cheryl married Richard A. Rudolph on December 13, 1974. Richard was born June 24, 1955. Cheryl and Richard had the following children: Bradley Michael, Thomas Allen and Jessica Ann.

Cheryl has always worked in DeKalb County and is presently secretary at the DeKalb Middle School at Waterloo. She resides at Waterloo.

Carla J. Baker was born on June 27, 1957 to Roma (Baird) and Edward Baker. Carla married on June 12, 1976 to Bruce Smith, who was born October 21, 1955. Joshua, Jayma and Jared were the children born to this union.

Cathy J. Baker, born December 29, 1959, is the daughter of Roma (Baird) and Edward Baker. Cathy married Douglas Peterson on May 22, 1982. Douglas was born January 27, 1960. Cathy and Douglas's children are Matthew and Michelle.

Cathy's family lived in California for many years but have now moved to Rodchester Hills, Michigan.

Tony Lynn Baker, born February 9, 1966 as the male twin to Tonya, is the son of Roma (Baird) and Edward Baker. Tony graduated from DeKalb High School in 1984 and graduated from Purdue University. His work has lead him to Ohio, Florida, West Virginia and now back to Indiana.

Tony married on June 3, 1989 to Tammy Elaine Deetz. Their children are Zeth Michael, Riley Andrew and Spencer Allen. The family resides in Auburn, Indiana.

Tonya Kay Baker is the daughter of Roma (Baird) and Edward Baker, born February 9, 1966. Tonya graduated from DeKalb High School in 1984 and married Kraig Kelham on May 17, 1986. Kraig was born June 1, 1962. The children of Tonya and Kraig were born Kaleb William and Tatum Raquel. This family lives in Garrett, Indiana.

Gary Lynn Baird was born April 3, 1951 the son of Buddy and Deloris (Baker) Baird, Sr. Gary is married.

David Baird, born September 23, 1952, is the son of Buddy and Deloris (Baker) Baird, Sr.

Steven Baird is the son of Buddy and Deloris (Baker) Baird, Sr. and was born November 14, 1953.

Kellie Baird is the daughter of Buddy and Deloris (Baker) Baird, Sr. and was born November 3, 1962.

Patricia Sue Baird is the daughter of Richard and Harriett Baird and was born October 17, 1959 in Kendallville, Indiana. Patti met Ricky Lynn Trammel in January of 1977 and they were married April 15, 1977 in the Indian Village Church of God. Rick and Patti are the parents of two daughters: Sarah Elizabeth and Rachel Renee, both born in Auburn, Indiana.

Patti enjoys working with crafts, sewing, knitting and crocheting and Rick enjoys fishing and hunting. Patti has worked as a waitress and as a factory supervisor. Rick has worked in factories, worked in construction, with concrete and as a meat cutter.

Lisa Marie Baird is the adopted daughter of Richard and Harriett Baird. Lisa was last known to live in Kendallville.

Leslie Renee Baird is the daughter of Richard and Harriett Baird. Leslie was last known to live in Kendaville.

Elizabeth Esther Baird is the daughter of Richard and Harriett Baird. Elizabeth was last known to live in Kendavillville.

Marian Clifford Baird, born August 22, 1958, is the son of Richard and Harriett (Koons) Baird. Marian once lived in Englewood, Florida but is thought to now live in Kendallville, Indiana.

Patricia Sue Baird is the daughter of Richard and Harriett (Koons) Baird. Patricia was born October 17, 1959.

Lisa Marie Baird is the adopted daughter of Richard Baird.

Charles Laverne Baird, Jr., called Kip, was born November 28, 1956 to Charles and Shirley (Bowman) Baird, Sr. Kip married Janet Seiss on June 11, 1982 and they had the following children: Kena Marie and Kyle Blake. Janet's birthdate is June 14, 1957. Kip and Janet were divorced November 26, 1985. Kip lives in Auburn, Indiana.

Randall Leroy Baird was born April 3, 1960 and is the son of Charles and Shirley (Bowman) Baird, Sr. Randall married November 20, 1981 to Dianne Casebere. Dianne was born April 1, 1959. One daughter has been born to this couple to date.

Jeffrey Lynn Baird, born March 17, 1962, is the son of Charles and Shirley (Bowman) Baird, Sr. Jeffrey married Cathy Hannes on November 26, 1982. To them was born Adam Lynn. Jeffrey and Cathy were divorced and Jeffrey married Susan Anne Janiga on December 12, 1987. To Jeffrey and Susan have been born Sara Lynn, Christina Lynn and 2 more daughters.

Beverly Jean Baird was born on March 17, 1949 to Wilbur and Marjorie Nell Shafer Baird. Beverly married James Shaffer on March 21, 1966 and to them were born James Shaffer, Anna Marie, and Malinda. Beverly and James were divorce December 5, 1969. On December 1, 1984 Beverly married Clyde Miller and they live in Sturgis, Michigan.

Rodney Wayne Baird, born July 31, 1950, is the son of Wilbur and Marjorie Nell Shafer Baird. Rodney married December 18, 1976 to Donna Miller. Donna was born Decmeber 13, 1959. To this union was born Heather Marie and Rodney Wayne, Jr. Rodney lives in Sturgis, Michigan.

Gregory Allen Baird is the son of Wilbur and Marjorie Nell Shafer Baird, born March 6, 1953. Gregory married in 1972 to Wanda Boyde. Wanda was born October 13, 1955. Gregory and Wanda's children are Betty Jean, Sharon Irene, Gregory Allen, Jr., Robert Ray, and William Henry. Gregory's family live in LaGrange, Indiana.

Kevin Ray Baird, born December 14, 1955, is the son of Wilbur and Marjorie Nell Shafer Baird. Kevin married and later divorced Pat Grant. Kevin's children are Kevin Ray, Jr., Kimberly Rae and Shacoya Kevinicia Baird. Kevin lives in Statesboro, Georgia.

Carey Lynn Baird, born January 18, 1957, is the son of Wilbur and Marjorie Nell Shafer Baird. Carey married on April 2, 1982 to Vicki Neace. Vicki was born July 9, 1958. Carey and Vicki have a son named Carey Lynn Baird, Jr. and Vicki's daughter by a previous marriage is Nicole Neace, born December 26, 1983. Carey lives in LaGrange, Indiana.

Barbara Joy Baird, born March 16, 1958, is the daughter of Wilbur and Marjorie Nell Shafer Baird. On September 28, 1975 Barbara and Denny Niccum were married. To them were born Tanuka Lynn and Lisa Marie Niccum. The family live in Rising Sun, Indiana.

Cathy Ann Baird, born February 9, 1951, is the daughter of Lyle and Martha Louise Moughter Baird. Cathy married on April 30, 1972 to Patrick Hampshire, who was born December 1, 1947. To this union was born Brian Patrick and Keith Patrick Hampshire. Cathy's family reside in Lakeworth, Florida.

Colleen Joy Baird is the daughter of Lyle and Martha (Moughter) Baird. Colleen was born July 12, 1952 and married on September 23, 1972 to Kenneth Robert Hartman. Kenneth was born August 25, 1952. To Kenneth and Colleen were born Rachel Jenny and Joseph Robert. Colleen and her family live in Wolcottville, Indiana.

Judy Kay Baird was born on March 30, 1954, the daughter of Lyle and Martha (Moughter) Baird. Judy married Jerry Roop on June 23, 1973 and had two children, Kimberly Dawn Roop and Sharmin Renee Roop. Judy and Jerry were divorced. Judy married and later divorced Kenneth Chambers. Judy lives in Auburn, Indiana.

Eddie Baird was the first child born to Donald and Velma (Hileman) Baird. Eddie was born and died on July 15, 1951.

Michael Eugene Baird, born May 1, 1953, is the son of Donald and Velma (Hileman) Baird. On May 6, 1976 Michael and Marilyn Faye Freed were married. Marilyn was born March 10, 1955. To this union wre born twins, followed by two more girls. They were: Jamie Marie, julie Ann, Jennifer Lynn, and Jill Renee. Michael's family live in Wolcottville, Indiana.

Teresa Rae Baird was born May 13, 1955 to Donald and Velma (Hileman) Baird. Teresa married Michael Christner on January 15, 1973 and they had two daughters, Candy Christina and Michelle Renee. Teresa and Michael were divorced July 15, 1980. Teresa married on December 29, 1984 to Jeffery Sampson. Jeffery brought 3 children to the marriage. Teresa's step-children are Joshua Sampson, Leana Sampson, and Mindy Sampson. Teresa's family live in Sturgis, Michigan.

Sarah Jane Baird, born December 24, 1957, is the daughter of Donald and Velma (Hileman) Baird. Sarah married Donald Lane Ritchie on July 4, 1975. Donald was born January 16, 1958. To Sarah and Donald were born Brad Lane, Tracy Lynn and Brian Eugene. The family resides in LaGrange, Indiana.

Margaret Ann Pierce, born September 4, 1950, is the daughter of Patty (Baird) and John Pierce, Sr. Margaret lives in Kendallville, Indiana.

John Theodore Pierce, Jr., son of Patty (Baird) and John Pierce, Sr., was born October 26, 1952. John married Kimberly Sue Reese August 5, 1978. Kimberly was born November 23, 1958. To them were born Nicole Joan and Nicolas David. John married Gayle Ann Simon on September 7, 1991. This family lives in Rome City, Indiana.

Steven Edward Pierce, Sr., born September 1, 1955, is the son of Patty (Baird) and John Pierce, Sr. Steven married June 3, 1972 to Virginia Prater, who was born November 14, 1957. The three children born to them were Steven Edward Pierce, Jr.,

Shannon Renee and Jackie Lynn Pierce. Steven's present address is Kendallville, Indiana.

Janet Marie Pierce, born November 18, 1958, is the daughter of Patty (Baird) and John Pierce, Sr. Janet married Ronald Leon Farmer on July 14, 1979. Ronald was born March 16, 1967. To them were born Samual Jan, Angel Nicole and Bernice Elizabeth. The family resides in Kendallville, Indiana.

Victor Allen Baird, born a twin on December 5, 1957, is the son of Billy and Johanna (Hammes) Baird. Victor lives in New Haven, Indiana.

Cecil Dale Baird, Victor's twin, was born December 5, 1957 to Billy and Johanna (Hammes) Baird. Cecil married on June 16, 1990 to Julianne Pardinek. They live in North Webster, Michigan.

Cindy Marie Baird is the daughter of Billy and Johanna (Hammes) Baird and was born December 22, 1960. Cindy and David Stryker married in 1978. To them was born Dawn Nicole Stryker. Cindy and David were divorced and Cindy married Dennis Renkenberger. To Cindy and Dennis were born Jason and Christine. The family resides in Kendallville, Indiana.

Renee Josephine Baird was born January 2, 1965 to Billy and Johanna (Hammes) Baird. Renee married on April 17, 1982 to Marvin Rodenbeck, who was born November 24, 1962. Renee and Marvin have the following children: Nathaniel Wayne, Neil James and Nolan. This family live in Avilla, Indiana.

Rickey Ray Payton, born July 5, 1956, is the son of Evelyn (Baird) and Richard Payton. Rick married on September 2, 1978 to Cecile Marie Lynch. Cecile was born on July 3, 1960. To Rick and Cecile have been born Nicole Marie and Daniel Ray. This family resides in Auburn, Indiana.

Ronald Eugene Payton is the son of Evelyn (Baird) and Richard Payton. Ronald was born September 1, 1957. Ronald married November 21, 1987 to Deborah Ann Hamer Benorden. Debbie was born May 13, 1962. To their marriage Debbie brought her daughter, Elisha Marie Benorden, from a previous marriage. To Ronald and Debbie have been born Brianna Luella Bea and Hillary Rose. Ronald's family reside in Angola, Indiana.

Rhonda Lynn Payton, born January 27, 1959, is the daughter of Evelyn (Baird) and Richard Payton. Rhonda married Gary Lee Dilley on May 1, 1977. Their children, Matthew Scott and Jennifer complete Rhonda and Gary's family picture. They live in Blissfield, Michigan.

Laura Jean Payton, was born to Evelyn (Baird) and Richard Payton on December 18, 1960. Laura is one of a set of twins. Laura married Michael Frank Rist on November 28, 1980. Michael was born November 12, 1960. To them were born Sarah Elizabeth, Steven Michael, Rebecca Michelle and Benjamin. Laura's family resides in Van Wert, Ohio.

Lowell Dean Payton, born December 18, 1960, is the twin brother of Laura Payton. Lowell is the son of Evelyn (Baird) and Richard Payton. Lowell and Jamie Helbert Edsal have a daughter named Brandy Kayle Payton. Lowell lives in Auburn, Indiana.

Stacia Ann Baird is the daughter of Larry and Kay (Weaver) Baird, born September 15, 1968. Stacia married Timothy John Czartoski on June 24, 1989. Timothy was born June 11. This family lives in Warsaw, Indiana.

Crista Renae Baird, born April 17, 1970 is the daughter of Larry and Kay (Weaver) Baird. Crista lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Melissa Kay Baird was born October 22, 1974 to Larry and Kay (Weaver) Baird. Mellisa lives in Hicksville, Ohio.

Kenneth Dean Baird is the son of Larry and Kay (Weaver) Baird. Kenneth was born September 30, 1976. Kenneth lives in Hicksville, Ohio.

Timothy Alan Baird, born June 25, 1968, is the son of Jack and Cynthia (Grubaugh) Baird. Timothy lives in Topeka, Indiana.

Elizabeth Jo Baird is the daughter of Jack and Cynthia (Grubaugh) Baird, born October 22, 1970. Elizabeth lives in Topeka, Indiana.

Jack Leon Baird, Jr. was born on November 7, 1972 to Jack and Cynthia (Grubaugh) Baird. Jack lives in Topeka, Indiana.

Terry Lee Longsworth, Jr., born August 13, 1966, is the son of Tarena (Baird) and Terry Longsworth, Sr. Terry married January 4, 1986 to Jan Louise Mortimore. Jan was born September 10, 1967. To Terry and Jan were born Tiffany and Christopher. Terry is in the U.S. Army and stationed in Tennesee.

Troy Allen Longsworth was born July 17, 1969 to Tarena (Baird) and Terry Longsworth. Troy lives in Wolcottville, Indiana.

Todd Eugene Longsworth is the son of Tarena (Baird) and Terry Longsworth, born July 5, 1972. Todd lives in Wolcottville, Indiana.

Carri Lynn Sherwood was born on May 6, 1962 in Indiana, the daughter of Johnny and June (Jones) Sherwood. Within a few months of being born Carri and her parents moved to California where she was raised. She is remembered by her Aunt Sharon as a beautiful baby. On April 9, 1993 Carri married Tony Chairez and they have a daughter named Crista Lynn.

Carri is a quiet spoken and easy-going person. Carri is very close to her family.

Carri Lynn & Crista Chairez

John Jr's son, John with wife, June, & 2 kids.

John Lee Sherwood is the son of Johnny and June Sherwood and was born in California September 3, 1963. Since John's father, grandfather and great grandfather had the same first and middle name and it caused military record problems John Lee was given a new middle name. Since John Lee was still given the often used first name of John the family nicknamed his Little John to make it easier to know which John they were referring to. To keep from confusing everyone I will use that nickname now even though it may not be used in his adult life.

Little John looks like a Sherwood, just like his father and grandfather. Little John loves the outdoors and lives at Sugar Loaf Mountain. Little John is a quiet man that enjoys being by himself and enjoys surfing and snow boarding. Little John is engaged to be married.

John Lee Sherwood

Karen Beck, born December 7, 1989, is the daughter of Harry Wayne Sherwood. Karen lives with her mother in Oregon

Taya Lynn Aldrich is the daughter of Sharon (Sherwood) and John Aldrich and was born March 1, 1968. Taya graduated from DeKalb High School, the same high school her mother attended. On June 10, 1989 Taya married Rick Hagewood in a church in Corunna, the same church her Grandma Hilda Sherwood was baptised in. Taya and Rick had a son named Darick Arron Hagewood. Another child was due at the time of this book was being composed. Taya works at Dana driving a fork lift in the shipping department and Rick works at Owens Supermarket.

Taya is a lot like her Grandmother Sherwood in that she has money sense when it

Taya Aldrich & Rick Hagewood

comes to not over spending. This family has a beautiful home in Auburn on CR 27. Taya loves to collect cherubs and has a whole house ful of them but is still adding to her collection. Their home has a nice yard for Darrick to play in which is especially nice since Darrick loves the outdoors.

Claude Jacobs, Bobbie & Scott Aldrich & Sharon Hayes

Shahlese Kay Hays
Scott Curtis Aldrich
Taya Lynn Aldrich

Scott Curtis Aldrich is the son of Sharon (Sherwood) and John Aldrich and was born in Auburn on August 6, 1969. Scott graduated from DeKalb High School.

Scott and Bobbie Standiford from Garrett were married on July 31, 1993 in a backyard wedding at his mother's home. It was a beautiful day for the wedding and a perfect way to start their new life together.

Scott takes after his Grandfather Sherwood in having an easy-going nature and after his Grandmother Sherwood in how he handles money. Scott is like his mother in caring for the Sherwood family as a whole. Scott is always interested in knowing about all his aunts, uncles and cousins, even the distant ones. Scott often mentions his Grandpa John. He was only 5 when his grandpa died and he regrets that he couldn't have spent more time with him.

Scott and Bobbie have a son named Adam John Aldrich. The family has a new home in Auburn on Quail Run with a nice yard for Adam and future children. Scott works at Fleetwood while his wife, Bobbie, works at S.C.P. in Auburn. Scott and Bobbie plan to have more children but are hoping Adam starts to sleep through night soon!

Shahlese Kay Hays is the 16 year old daughter of Sharon (Sherwood) and Donnie Hays. Shahlese was born in DeKalb County on September 18, 1978. Shahlese has a special relationship with her mother and lives with her in the Auburn countryside and attends Dekalb High School.

Shahlese has the Sherwood sense of humor. She can be teased and ribbed about anything and will give the same back. Shahlese is a giving person and her mom says she seems to give her clothes to everyone! Shahlese is presently working at Bob Evans Restaurant in Auburn. She likes to work but, like most teenagers the money seems to go easily. Shahlese has had her drivers license since October 1994 and her mom thinks she has been a taxi serivce for all the kids at DeKalb High! Shahlese follows the teenage habbit of loving to talk on the phone and she also loves to be with people. Maybe she will be a politician or a preacher. Shahlese has the Sherwood blond hair but other than that she has her own looks.

Shari Ann Hovarter was born September 17, 1961 to John and Bonnie Hovarter. Shari married Darcy E. Gebert. Shari and Darcy live in Fort Wayne and Shari worked for Flowers of Canterbury in Canterbury Greens Shopping Center. Their residence is now Auburn.

Lynnette Kay Hovarter is the daughter of John and Bonnie Hovarter and was born September 3, 1969. Lynnette worked at Hardee's in Auburn while a senior at DeKalb High School. During this time Lynnette lived near Corunna and was a member of Zion Sixteen Lutheran Church, north of Garrett. Lynnette was a 1987 graduate of DeKalb High School. Lynnette moved to Auburn before marrying.

Lynnette married Todd Leon Duval on April 24, 1993, the ceremony being held in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn. Lynnette's sister, Shari Gebert, was the matron of honor. A reception followed the ceremony at the Spencerville Community Club. A wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Lynnette Kay (Hovarter) Duval &
new husband, Todd Leon Duval - 1993

Todd's parents are Leon and Chris Duval of Auburn. Todd graduated from Dekalb High School in 1988 and is employed by Artistic Carton Company of Auburn.

Lynette is presently employed by north American Van Lines.

Karen Sue Stahl, daughter of Carolyn (Hovarter) and Jim Stahl, was born December 14, 1959. Karen has two children: Michelle Erin Sowles and Bradley Wayne Sowles. Karen graduated from DeKalb High School and runs a day care in Bluffton, Indiana.

Diane Kay Stahl was born August 25, 1961, to Carolyn and Jim Stahl. Diane grew up with her sister and parents in DeKalb County. Diane graduated from DeKalb High School and Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. She was Miss DeKalb County Queen and Miss Northeast Indiana in 1984. Diane works for American Hospital and resides in Louisville, Kentucky.

Diane Kay Stahl

Craig Eugene Davis was the son of Judi (Sherwood) and Clifford Warstler. Craig was adopted by his step-father, Robert Davis.

Craig enlisted in the Army. Craig was stationed at Fort Dicks in New Jersey and at 21 years of age was in a motorcycle accident and died.

Craig

Craig

Cris Allen Davis is the son of Judi (Sherwood) and Robert Davis on October 16, 1965.

Cris

Corey Ace Hensinger is son of Judi (Sherwood) and Owen I. Hensinger. Corey was born December 23, 1969. Corey's real father would not allow Corey to be adopted by his step-father so at the age of 18 Corey was legally adopted by Owen and he also changed his name to fit his new identity.

Corey always looked up to his big brother Craig. Corey served in the Army during Desert Storm.

Donna Mae Simons is the daughter of Leona (Champion) and Don Simons. Donna graduated from the Coldwater schools.

Donna married Gary Abbeg, Jr. and they live in Litchfield, Michigan. Donna and Gary have a son, Gary, Jr. and a little girl.

Donna is a precise little gal with a good personality. Donna and Gary's family live on a farm in Litchfield, Michigan. Gary is a farmer and school bus driver while Donna works in the Litchfield schools. This couple enjoys their children and grandchildren. Their home life is important to them and they belong to the Catholic Church.

Marjorie Simons is the second daughter of Leona (Champion) and Don Simons. Marjorie graduated from high school in Coldwater, Michigan and she married Phillip Howard. Marjorie and Phillip have the following five children: Terri, Phillip, and Toni, Derrick. This family lives in Elkart, Indiana.

Marjorie works at the Elkhart Hospital while Philip works for an Elkhart company that builds RVs. This couple is family oriented and are homebodies.

Donny Donald Simons is the son of Leona (Champion) and Don Simons. Donny graduated from high school in Coldwater, Michigan.

Donny married Jeanne and they live in Coldwater, Michigan. Donny and Jeanne have a son Billie and a daughter.

Donny drives for Swift-Eckrich and has a farm. Jeanne works for a doctor.

Brenda Joyce Simons is the daughter of Leona (Champion) and Don Simons. Brenda graduated high school in Coldwater, Michigan.

Brenda and Ray Hoard were married. Brenda and Ray have the following children: Brandy, Justin, and Shannon. This is a very family oriented group. The family likes to camp and all the kids are sports minded. Brenda and Ray have a body shop in Sturgis, Michigan.

Venassia Simons is the daughter of Leona (Champion) and Don Simons. Venassia graduated from the Coldwater schools.

Venassia married Stephen Feisel and they live in Decator, Indiana. Venassia and Stephen are the parents of Ryan and Kramer Feisel, who were born 10 years apart. This family is sports minded and they like to do things together. Venassia and Stephen have a nice home and a cottage on Quimby Road outside Coldwater.

Christopher Allen Simons is the son of Leona (Champion) and Don Simons. Chris graduated from Coldwater High School and still lives in Coldwater, Michigan. Chris is not married at this time.

Chris's interests are sports, mainly football and fishing.

Debra Lynn Champion is the daughter of Larry and Joyce (Harvey) Champion. Debra was born with cancer of the eyes and brain. She presently lives in Sturgis, Michigan in an Adult Foster Care facility.

Dawn Marie Champion is the daughter of Larry and joyce (Harvey) Champion. Dawn graduated from Burr Oak High School.

Dawn married David Daniels and they live in Hastings, Michigan. The following children comprise Dawn's family: Ryan & Kelly. Dawn is a good mother and has a happy-go-lucky attitude toward life. Dawn enjoys baby-sitting every day in her home.

Kimalana Champion is the daughter of Larry and Joyce (Harvey) Champion. Kim graduated from high school in Burr Oak, Michigan.

Kim married Rick Himen in a large wedding ceremony wearing a beautiful long white wedding gown. Kim's family reside in Colon, Michigan. Taylor and Cody are the only children at this time to complete this family.

Kim likes nice cars, such as convertibles. Kim is hyper like her dad. She has worked on her own for quite a while now. She also works at a Mendon factory. Kim is quite a go-getter.

Lisa Champion is the daughter of Larry and Joyce (Harvey) Champion. Lisa graduated from Buss Oak High School.

Lisa had a touch of cancer but is cured. Lisa is a little, neat and agressive lady that likes customized cars. Lisa is

ornery in that she likes to pester her father but he seems to take it in stride while teasing her right back. Lisa lives in Mendon, Michigan and works at Kirsch Company.

Wendy Jo Champion is the daughter of Ron Champion. Wendy Jo graduated from Baldwin, Michigan High School.

Wendy married Robert Kellan, the first man she ever dated and they live in Baldwin, Michigan. Eleven year old Cody is the only son of Wendy and Robert at this time but since twins are on the way their family will almost double in size shortly.

This pretty blond lady manages a restaurant while helping raise their son. Robert and Wendy built their home back in the woods with Baldwin, Michigan as their address.

Trent Cordell Champion is the son of Ron Champion. Trent is tall and thin, like his dad. As he has a dark mustache, Trent has followed the Champion's tradition of either wearing a mustache or beard at one time. Trent graduated from Baldwin High School in Baldwin, Michigan.

Trent has a little farm outside Union City, Michigan. Trent is married and they have one child, Kayla Champion. Trent works in a TeKonsha factory and builds and races mud race cars. Trent is a quiet man.

Stacey Gayland Champion is the son of Ron Champion. Stacey was given the middle name of his father and grandfather. Stacey graduated from Baldwin High School.

Stacey married and has a little girl. Like his mother Stacey likes construction work and working on cars. Stacey works at a company that builds trailers. Stacey and his family live in Coldwater, Michigan.

Seventh Generation

Tabias Jay Blech, son of Robert and Mary Jane Blech, was born October 28, 1974.

Dawn Marie Smith is the daughter of Marie (Blech) and Owen Smith, Jr. Dawn was born on April 23, 1987.

James Edward Langley was born June 28, 1982 to David and Laurie Langley. James and his brother and two sisters are being raised in Colorado.

Luke Langley is the son of David and Laurie Langley. Luke was born May 7, 1984. Luke and his parents and siblings live in Woodland Park, Colorado.

Kara Lee Ann Langley was born the daughter of David and Laurie Langley on September 28, 1987. Kara Lee resides with her parents and family in Colorado.

Megan Mae Langley is the daughter of David and Laurie Langley and was born on December 7, 1989. Megan lives in Woodland Park, Colorado.

Justin Andrew Shives was born on November 4, 1980 to Connie (Langley) and Kenneth Shives. Justin lives with his parents in N. Lauderdale, Florida.

Leah Lenore Langley is the daughter of Thomas and Brenda Langley. Leah was born December 4, 1979. Leah lives with her parents and family on the Langley homestead near Stroh where her father grew up.

Anthony Carl Langley was born January 19, 1981. Anthony's parents are Thomas and Brenda Langley. Anthony's family live at the Langley homestead.

Larissa Renee Langley, daughter of Thomas and Brenda Langley, was born March 24, 1983. Larissa enjoys the Stroh countryside with her siblings, parents and Grandma Landley.

Larin Ann Langley, born on April 4, 1985, is the daughter of Thomas and Brenda Langley. Larin lives with her parents at the Langley homestead.

Carrie Lyn Mason is the daughter of Larry and Alice (Renfrow) Mason. Carrie was born January 26, 1969 in Auburn, Indiana. Carrie was raised in St. Joe, Indiana until the age of 14 where upon her family moved to Yulee, Florida in 1983.

Carrie met her future husband in 1984 and they began dating in 1986 and married two years later. Carrie and Gregory Scott Beavers were married April 16, 1988. Greg was born August 7, 1968, the son of William Preston Beavers and Blanche I. Townsend Beavers. Carrie and Greg lived in North Carolina for 2 years while Greg was stationed there. They then returned to Yulee to raise a family. Brittany Faith Beavers was born to this couple November 1, 1993.

Larry & Alice Mason's family

Jessica Elizabeth Sims is the daughter of Linda (Mason) and Stephen Sims. Jessica was born October 1, 1976 in Fort Wayne, Indiana where her family presently resides.

Jessica (6 wks. old)
Grandma Sims
Grandma Meyers
November 1976

Jessie
H.S. Graduation

Jessie & Rachel
1995

Rachel Elizabeth Sims was born November 9, 1978, the daughter of Linda (Mason) and Stephen Sims. Rachel, her sister and her parents reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Rachel
1988

Rachel
Christmas 1992

Jessie and Rachel
with Dad, Steve
1993 - Looking at College

Richard Benjamin Mason, called Ben, was born January 19, 1984 and is the son of Laune and Clare Mason. Ben lives with his mother and sister in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ben Mason
1985

Ben

Ben - 1986
Birthday Time

Ben - 1995

Ben & Aileen - 1989

Ben & Aileen Mason

Aileen Mason

Aileen - 1995

Susan Aileen Mason, daughter of Laune and Clare Mason, was born March 8, 1986. Susan lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Sarah Antin Chambers is the first born daughter of Letha (Mason) and Mark Chambers. Sarah was born in the Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne on August 21, 1977. Sarah and her two sisters have family names as their middle names. What a nice way to keep family lines alive in our children. Sarah's unusual middle name is her grandmother's maiden name. This would be on her father's side.

Sarah is fair, small boned and with blonde

Sarah
6 months

hair. She is now a junior in high school and is contiplating her choice of colleges. Sarah is exceptionally good at writing and loves literature. I suspect she will pick a career to compliment those talents. Sarah also enjoys playing tennis.

Sarah Chambers
1993

Sarah & Ruthie
1982

Sarah Chambers

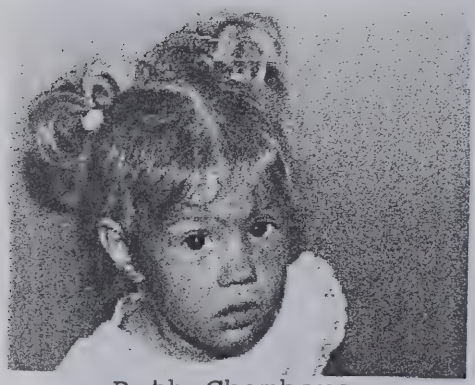
Sarah Chambers
& her father
Chicago Trip - 1988

Leatha's Daughters - 1984
Sarah (6)
Ruth (4) Elizabeth (1)

Ruth Sherwood Chambers, born January 8, 1980, is the daughter of Letha (Mason) and Mark Chambers. As anyone reading this book will quickly realize, Ruth's middle name is a family name that is being kept alive through her.

Ruth is dark, larger boned with brunette hair. She takes after her father. She is athletically inclined in soccer and tennis. Ruth is just finishing her freshman year in high school. She was born with nerve dmage in both ears. She wore hearing aides as a child but now she relies on her lip reading abilities. Although she is not a strong student she does very well. Ruth lives with her parents and sisters in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Leatha & daughters
around 1991



Ruth Chambers
3 yrs. old

Ruth Chambers
Weisser Park Elem. School
1st Grade

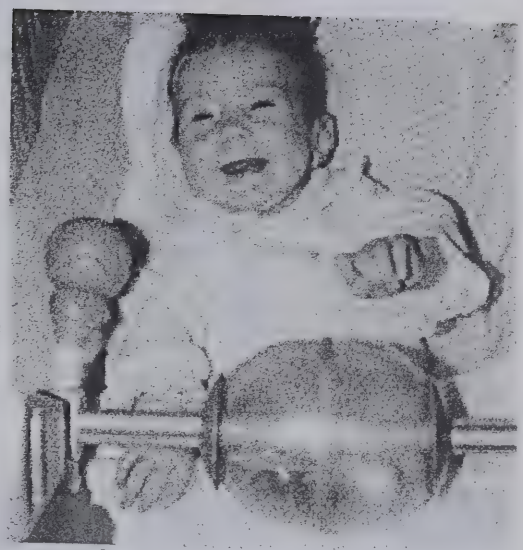
Ruth Chambers 1994/95
Bishop Luers High School
9th Grade

Ruth Chambers - 1993
Summit Middle School
Soccer Team

Ruthie & her 1st long dress
1992

Elizabeth Mason Chambers, called Betsy, is the daughter of Letha (Mason) and Mark Chambers, born August 19, 1983 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Betsy's middle name is her mother's maiden name.

Betsy is a combination of both her sisters and her parents. She is small and fair but she has lots of years to grow so she may change yet again. Betsy is also athletic in soccer and tennis but she enjoys golf as well. Her father is exceptionally pleased because he plays golf as often as possible. Betsy will start middle school in the fall of 1995.



Elizabeth Chambers
8-19-1983

Elizabeth Chambers
Easter 1986

Elizabeth Chambers
Christmas 1990

Elizabeth Chambers
5th grade - 1994

Douglas Edward Lockwood, was born September 12, 1965 in Auburn, Indiana, son of Janice and Larry Lockwood. Doug grew up the oldest of the four Lockwood children in their DeKalb County home.

Growing up in the country gave Doug the opportunity to be all boy. Among the everyday challenges of exploring the world of nature around him Doug also used nature one winter to get money by cutting wood and trapping.

Doug - 1967

Doug's activities while in high school included playing tennis and football, and managing the Girls Tennis Team. While in high school Doug was the president of the DeKalb National Honor Society and when in college he was on the Deans List and Citation for Academic Excellence was given. Doug graduated from DeKalb High School in 1984 and from Wabash College in 1988.

One of Doug's college semesters was spent in the Junior Study Abroad, Interc ollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, Italy. The nickname 'Homeboy' was given to Doug by other American Students from New York since he lived in the country and knew what a cow looked like! Many vivid stories were told of his experiences while abroad since this was during a time of unrest in Europe. Many Americans did not travel to Europe during these months. While at the airport awaiting his return flight to America Doug ask two soldiers if he could take their picture. After Doug adjusted his camera he looked up to see the soldiers were each carrying UZZIs Experience of this magnitude could only enhance Doug's understanding of the world at large.

The Lockwood Children - 1975

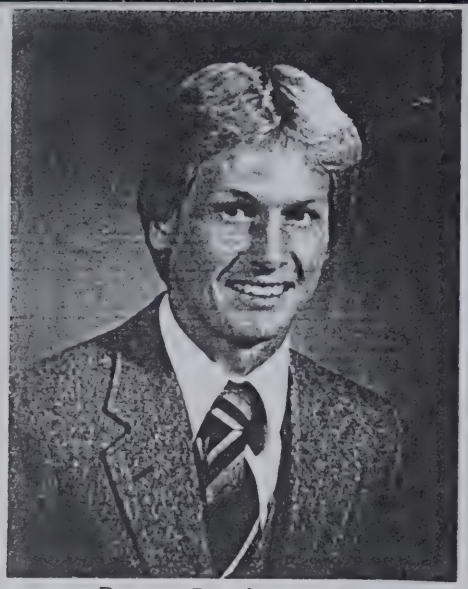
Doug's Parents & Siblings
1986

Doug married his childhood sweetheart, Angie Marie Menzie. Doug and Angie had dated in high school and during their college years. Their beautiful wedding took place at the Auburn Presbyterian Church on June 25, 1988. Doug then wisked Angie away on a 7 day honeymoon before moving into their new apartment in Indianapolis.

Angie Menzie was born in Auburn June 16, 1966. She is the daughter of Robert L. and Connie J. (Kolbe) Menzie. Angie graduated from DeKalb High School in 1984 and then from Butler University in 1988. Angie enjoys the many challenges of her accounting career but one of the most enjoyable parts of her day is enjoying their lively and intelligent sons. This enjoyment has led to filling many photograph albums with smiling memories.

Doug Lockwood
H.S. Graduation

- The Wedding Party -
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Lockwood
with Larry & Janice Lockwood



Doug Lockwood
Graduation '84

Doug
Chase Chelsie
December 1994

The Lockwood Family - 1989
Gregg, Lisa, Larry, Janice, Kim, Doug, Angie

Angie & Doug
1983

Doug & Angie's 1st home

Doug and Angie's two children to date are Chase Douglas and Grant Robert Lockwood. Both Doug and Angie take much time out of their busy professional lives to be active parents. Their enjoyment of Chase and Grant includes walks, playing in the snow & sledding in the wintertime, and swimming in the summer along with the teaching of academics.

The family first resided in Indianapolis but once Doug became Bank Manager of the NBD bank in Noblesville they moved to the nearby city of Fishers. The family now resides in the Fort Wayne countryside.

After college graduation Doug began his quick climb in the financial world, first becoming a stock broker and then becoming part of the NBD Bank organization. He opened and was manager of Greenwood Cub Branch, became Asst. Manager and Director of Marketing and Sales for 10 branches in that Area, and was Branch Officer's Assistant at Eastgate Branch. After extensive work Doug had paved the way for his becoming the Manager to open and be the current Manager of Noblesville Branch of NBD Banks. With Doug's expertise, less than 2 years has passed since his Branch Bank opened and yet it became the #1 performing branch in 1994 within central Indiana out of 90 other NBD Branches. With Doug's financial world being so prevalent in his day to day life it is no wonder that his first son's first and middle initials are C.D.

Doug's hobbies and interests include tennis, boating, reading, martial arts and family activities. Doug was affiliated with the following community and professional activities while residing in the Indianapolis area: Hamilton County Leadership Academy; Noblesville Benchmark Master Plan, Economic Development Committee; Noblesville Chamber of Commerce Education Committee; Hamilton County Cultural Arts Society; Big Brothers of Greater Indianapolis; 1990 United Way Campaign Manager; and Treasurer of Carmel Clay Jaycees for 2 years. Needless to say, with all his community activities Doug is reaching his life goal of striving to set a good example for others to follow and always trying to maintain an open mind.

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Doug Lockwood
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Kimberly Dawn Lockwood was born to Janice and Larry Lockwood on March 30, 1967 in Auburn, Indiana. Kim and her sister and brothers were raised in the comfort of their family's country home.

Being in a family of six would seem to be a time of little privacy but that wasn't the case. Kim created her own little world playing Barbie dolls by herself in her room. With a smile Kim tells how the kids got what they wanted from their parents. It was very simple. They just had Gregg, the baby of the family, ask because he seemed to always be able to get whatever he wanted from them. Maybe their parents had weathered through most requests by the time the last Lockwood came along and gave in a little easier.

Kim & Doug Lockwood
with Grandpa Walter
Nov. 1973

Even though Kim and Lisa are best friends now, Kim can remember fighting with her sister a lot while growing up. They call each other up now on the weekends and do most things together.

When ask about her brother Doug, Kim can remember looking up to him while in high school and college. Doug always looked out for his sisters and if their boyfriends weren't treating them good enough he would tell the girls to get rid of the guys. While in college Doug's frat house would throw a party and Kim's girls' college would be invited. Doug would watch who was giving Kim attention and it would be OK if it was a frat brother because they had already been given the rules about how they were to act around his sister! When Doug went to Italy for a semester his frat brothers were instructed to watch out for his little sister. Kim met a new guy at one of the parties but shortly afterwards she was asked to dance with one frat brother after another. Kim liked all the attention until she realized they were trying to keep her away from the new guy. A few of the frat brothers went so far as to warn her to not stay around him. Well, the guy didn't seem too harmless so she talked and danced with him anyway. When the two of them went outside to get a little fresh air Kim turned around only to find a frat brother had actually followed them outside! Protective brothers can sometimes go a little too far, but then the frat brothers were so nice that they even wrote her while Doug was in Italy. A nicer caring feeling couldn't have been had.

Kim has always liked school and was an active part in extra ciricular activities. During her high school years Kim was in the Brigadiers dance line and chore, as well as, played tennis. Graduating from DeKalb High School, Kim went on to get a teaching degree at Butler University and while at Butler Kim was on the Dean's List with Honors.

Kim met her future husband Gregory Scott Hartman in her hometown during their high school years but a long term romance was to continue until each had graduated from college. Kim Lockwood and Greg Hartman were united in marriage at the Helmer United Methodist Church on July 28, 1990. A reception followed at the Waterloo VFW. The bride and groom first resided in Helmer but within a year they purchased a country home outside Corunna. Kim and Greg have recently built a home in the Ashley counryside. In looking back over how her marriage has changed her Kim can remember their two become a one. Kim realizes through her marriage she has attained a more calming nature.

Greg Hartman is the son of Robert Samuel and Glora Annette (Warner) Hartman. He was born in Garrett September 26, 1966. Greg attained his teaching degree at Ball State University.

At present both Kim and Greg are working in their teaching profession. Kim has taught in the East Noble School System for eight years and Greg teaches at Eastside. Kim enjoys teaching and feels she has learned patience. The opportunity of changing the teaching pattern has always been a challenge to Kim. One of the variety of ways she has presented learning experiences to her students was when one of the classmates' father was a Gulf War naval officer and came to speak. A couple of times a year her husband will come and do science experiments with her first graders.

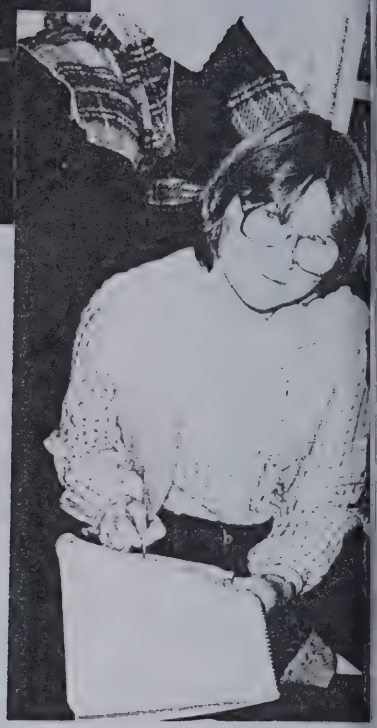
In her spare time Kim now creates sweatshirts, crafts, dried flower arrangements and wall hangings but finds her time limited with her enlarging family and work schedule. During the summer months Kim enjoys teaching summer school and spending time with her daughters and their cousins.

Kim and Greg's first born child, Bailey Christine Hartman, was born December 26, 1993. The birth of a second child, Allyson Nicole, followed with a third one on the way at the printing of this book. Through the use of their video camera Kim and Greg have already created quite a library of baby videos.

c. & Mrs. Greg Hartman with their Lockwood Family

Kim Hartman - 1995

Kim



Kim Lockwood

Kim Lockwood - Graduation

Kim Lockwood - 1983
11th grade

Greg, Kim & Bailey Hartman

Grandma Walter with her grandkids and great-grandkids. Kim Hartman with Alison Hartman, Burt Nairn, Jim Hoff, Gregg Lockwood, Jason Hoff with Bailey Hartman, and Gary Nairn.

The Lockwood Family - 1984

Lisa Renee Lockwood is the daughter of Janice and Larry Lockwood, born August 19, 1968 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana. Like her sister and brothers Lisa enjoyed being raised in the country. Lisa was active in sports during her high school years and still has a slim and trim physic because of it. Lisa graduated from DeKalb High School in May, 1987 and married a special man from her hometown.

Lisa and Bill Clifford were married in a beautiful ceremony performed at her parents' home on Saturday, June 22, 1991. Large tents were errected for the refreshing outdoor ceremony and reception.

William C. Clifford, called Bill, was born December 27, 1966 in Allen Co., Indiana to Jerry and Tania (Moore) Clifford. Bill graduated from high school in May, 1985 and has farmed all his life. Both Bill and Lisa dream of some day having their own farm.

At a young age Lisa learned to enjoy playing the piano. Once she and Bill have moved into their own home Lisa will have a place for her piano so she can fulfill her dream of playing at will. Even though

Lisa Lockwood
1973

Lisa loves to play tennis, go jogging, and golfing, her true passion is the sport of deer hunting. She vows she wouldn't miss this for almost anything. Even pregnacies can be planned around being able to get her slender body up into the deer stand!

Bill enjoys hunting, golfing, and fishing, as well as farming. Lisa finds there are many pros and cons of having a farmer for a husband as Bill's farming knowledge seems to infiltrate all aspects of his life. Everyone smiled when at the very beginning of Lisa's pregnancy Bill predicted the day and hour of his daughter's birth. He, of course, was using his knowledge of cows and calfs. The smiles faded as, two weeks after the doctor's predicted delivery date, Lisa gave birth - right on cow schedule, even to the hour!

Even though Bill used his knowledge of cow charts to predict his daughter's birth date he was adamant about Lisa finding someone else to be her labor coach, saying he would not be able to go into the delivery room with her. Well, she found out why. He was scared and actually became sick with worry during the delivery. Bill reminds Lisa that she will need someone else as labor coach next time, too.

Lisa and Bill's family reside in the Auburn countryside just down the road from Lisa's parents. Lisa has worked many jobs leading up to her present office management position. Lisa truely enjoys her present position at Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District but hopes to someday be able to start her own business with greenhouses. This dream is combined with Bill and Lisa's dream of owning their own farm. Bill presently farms for his uncle, Charlie Clifford. Their family has one daughter and son in it's mitts at this writing. Lovely, little Tracey is an independent soul with enough of the true spirit of inquisitiveness intertwined to keep the whole family in activity while Joshua is all boy with his ornery, curious nature.

Lisa - June, 1987

Lisa

Lisa Clifford

Friend & Lisa
Tennis Match
Spring 1985

Lisa's family
November 1994

Gregg & Nikki Strus

Gregg Lockwood & Nikki Strus - 1997

Gregg Alan Lockwood, the son of Larry and Janice Lockwood, was born in DeKalb Co. on January 26, 1970. Gregg, like his brother and sisters, graduated from DeKalb High School. His graduation was on Sunday, May 29, 1988 with a reception following for friends and family at his parents' home. Gregg attended Indiana University.

While in high school Gregg enjoyed being an all around athlete. He was on the golf, tennis, and baseball teams and won trophys in them all. Gregg is now a teacher of martial arts and on Monday nights he taught his brother Doug and his then 2 year old nephue Chase. Gregg is still very active in golf and had won a Classic Golf Championship at the junior level at the local Country Club and has worked as Pro Assistant at local golf courses for the past few years. Having a golf pro license only enhanceed his wanting to earn his living as a golf professional which had remained in Gregg's mind for many years.

Gregg Lockwood
1989

Gregg is a good looking, fun loving guy. Gregg's musical talents appear in the form of his being an excellent drummer. Once out of college Gregg became manager of a convenience store located in Indianapolis. Gregg made a career change at that time and followed in his brother's footsteps into the banking field. Gregg became an Assistant Manager of an NBD Bank in Carmel, Indiana and later made the move to his present position of Customer Service Manager at the Key Bank of Kokomo, Indiana. Gregg is engaged to be married to Nikki Strus on June 6, 1998. Nikki is a doctor in Kokomo.

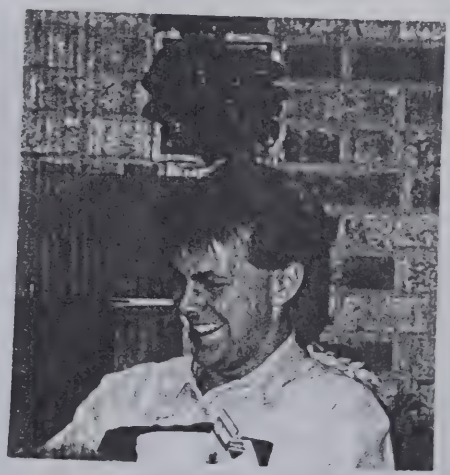
Kim, Gregg, & Lisa Lockwood
1973

Gregg - 1985

Gregg Lockwood - 1988
Graduation Photo

Gregg Lockwood

Gregg Lockwood
& his parents
December 1993



Gregg - 1994

Jason Edward Hoff, born January 19, 1974, is the son of Jackie (Walter) and Jim Hoff. While attending East Side High School, Jason belonged to 4-H and was in cross country, basketball, wrestling and track. While in cross country Jason's team were state finalists and while on the wrestling team he was a Semi-State qualifier for the 112 pound weight class. Jason graduated from Eastside on June 7, 1992. An open house for family and friends followed at his parents' home in the Butler countryside.

Jason - 1977

Jason has finished his Tool & Die Maker training at Ivy Tech State College with an associate degree in applied science. Jason is putting this knowledge toward his present job as à tool and die maker at Rieke Corporation in Auburn.

Jason married his high school sweetheart, Kelly Renee Crissman. Their wedding was held on December 28, 1996 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. After the wedding and honeymoon the couple moved into their new home in the Ashley-Waterloo counryside, a home that was the original home of Jane (Sherwood) and Arlo King. Jason and Kelly have started remodeling to update their home.

Kelly is the daughter of Stella and Lou Crissman and was raised in the Auburn, DeKalb County area. Kelly completed an accounting degree at Purdue University just before marrying Jason.

Jason & Kelly

Jason & Kelly - 1997

Jason Hoff - Graduation

Jason's main interests are hunting and fishing. Jason and his father recently restored a 1948 Allis Chalmers tractor, which was first owned by Arlo King.

Jason Hoff, Intermediate Showmanship champion

Jason & his family - 1986

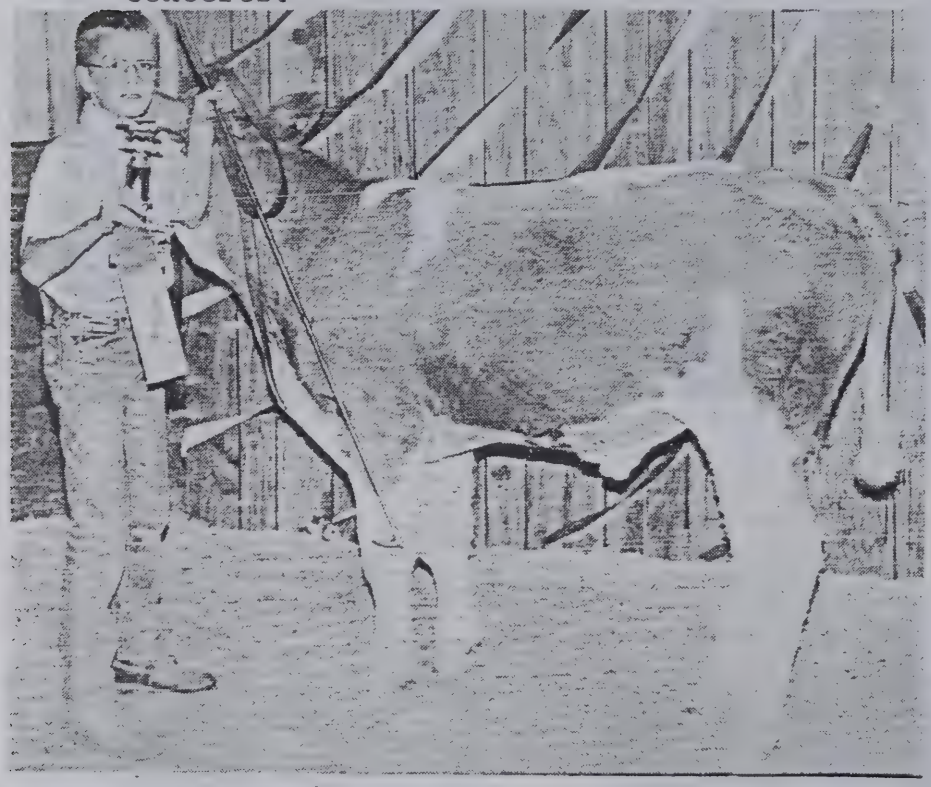
Jason & John Hoff
Peachtree Marathon
July 1986

Jason 1990

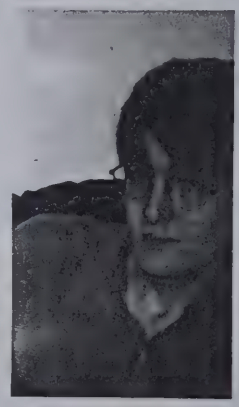
Jason
1992

James Christian Hoff is the son of Jackie and Jim Hoff. Jimmy was born October 26, 1975. Jimmy, as he was called while growing up, enjoyed sports and 4-H while in school. Jim graduated from Eastside High School in 1994. Jim is presently studying at Indiana University, working towards a degree in environmental study. With Jim's grades he has been offered the opportunity to belong to an 'Honors" Fraternity. Jim is on the Concert Board which is the group that selects and gets the bands to come to I.U. for concerts.

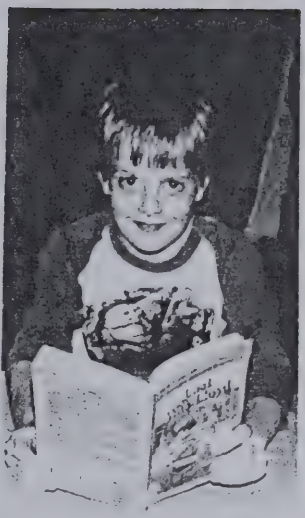
Jim - 5 Yrs. old
3-15-81



Jimmy Hoff, beef feeder champion

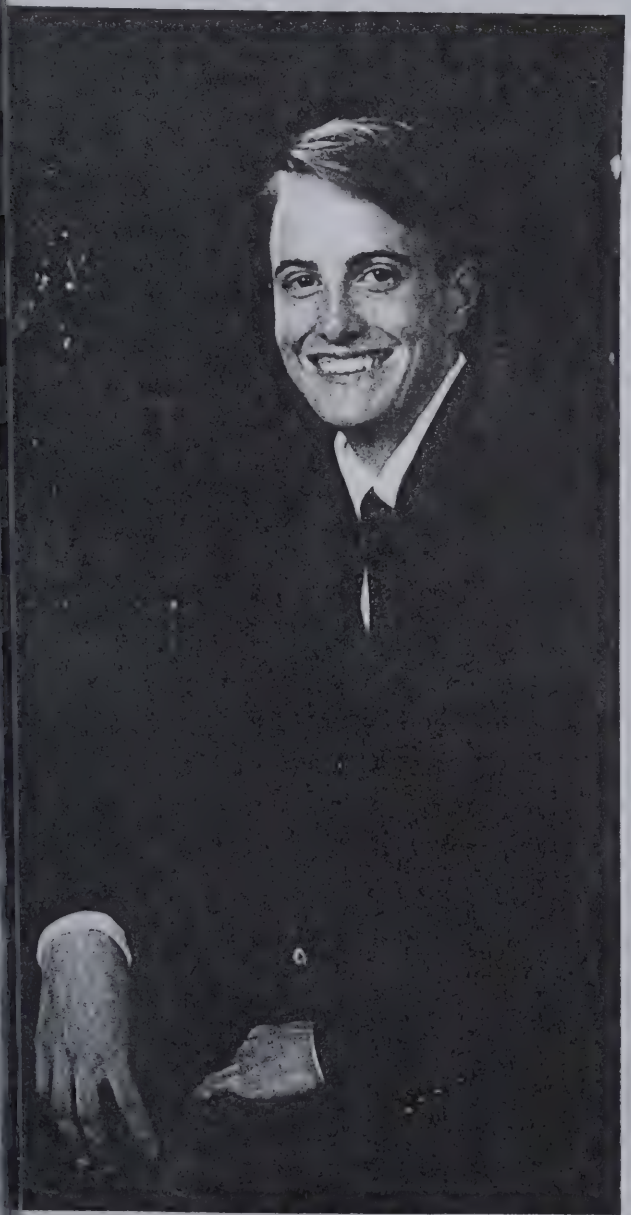


Jim Hoff



Jim Hoff - 5/85
at School

Jimmy



Jim Hoff
Graduation

Jim Hoff

Jim - Graduation
June, 1994

Burton Edward Nairn is the son of Margie (Walter) and Gerald Nairn, born on July 13, 1975 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Burt has always been sports minded. While young, Burt had an extensive baseball card collection and he enjoyed playing basketball, soccer, and baseball and watches many sports on television now. Burt received a surprise gift one Christmas of 10 shares of stock in his favorite basketball team, the Celtics. An additional surprise was when 2 weeks later the family drove to the Silver Dome in Detroit and attended a Celtics game. A guard was begged into letting the boys get close enough to get autographs and Burt recieved his idol's, Danny Ainge, autograph and handshake. It was a memory not soon forgotten.

Burt Nairn
Age - 5½ Yrs.
Nov. 1980

Burt attended both DeKalb schools and East Noble High School, graduating from East Noble High School on May 27, 1994. A graduation celebration was held in honor of Burt the following Sunday at his Grandmother Evelyn Walter's home.

Burt started working a paper route at age 12, and after graduating he found himself still working in the publishing field. Burt works for the Kendallville News-Sun Newspaper and resides in Kendallville with his dream of owning his own home having come true.

Burt and his brother Gary have always been close. Even as little ones they shared toys, the most sharing coming from Burt as he was 4 years older. In looking back at their younger years' pictures it is hard to tell which boy we are looking at and their looks still make it easy to see they are brothers. Burt and Gary live in Indiana while their mother lives in the upper peninsula of Michigan. With the distance of miles between them now they continue to keep in touch through phone calls and visits. Their bond would be the envy of many not so fortunate to have family.

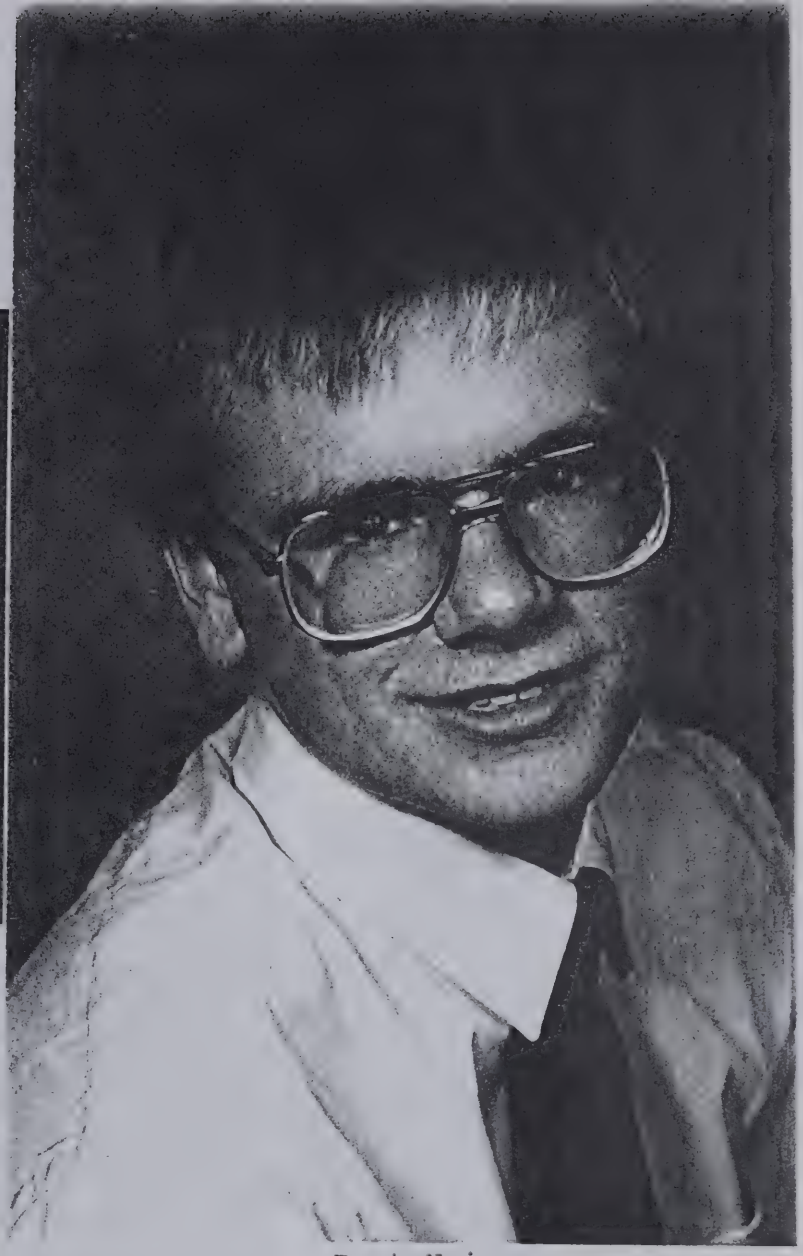
Burt is a kind, likeable person, who is a joy to know.

Burt Nairn
October 1984

Burt & Buddy
1977

Burt (6½ mo.) & his Mommy

Burt - 1985
Karate Class



Burt Nairn
Graduation - 1994

Burt

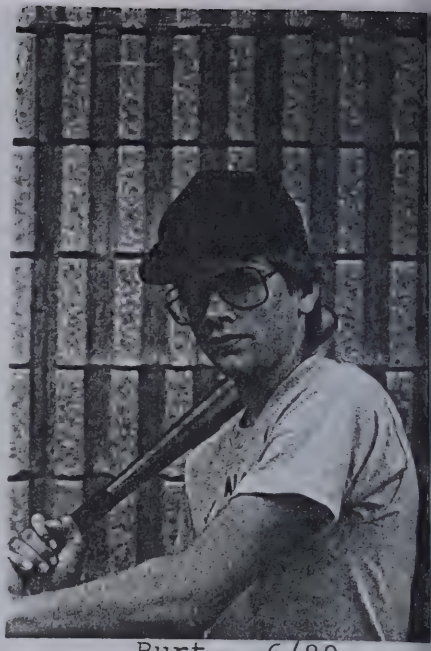
Burt Nairn - 1987

Margie Walter & son, Burt Nairn

Burt & Grandma Walter

Danny Ainge & Burt

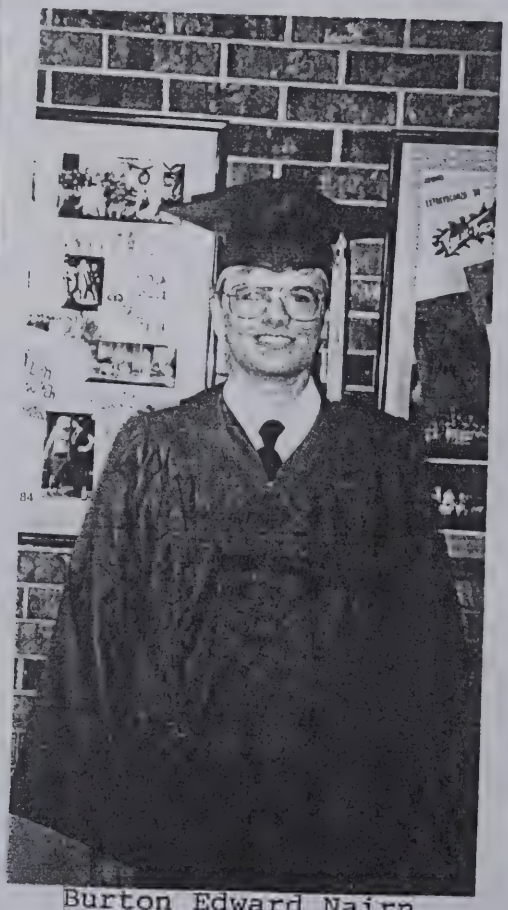
Burt



Burt - 6/89

Burt - 1992

Burt



Burton Edward Nairn
H.S. Graduation - 1994

Burt with Mom & Gary
Christmas 1984

Burt

Gary & Burt Nairn
November, 1985

Burt & Gary with our dog Johnny
July 1985

Burt & Gary - 1987

Burt & Gary with Mom

Gary & Burt - July 1985
at Pleasant Lake

Gary & Burt - 1987

Burt & Gary Nairn
August, 1988

Gary Allen Nairn was born on March 22, 1979 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana to Margie (Walter) and Gerald Nairn.

Gary & Johnny - 1985

Gary is a warm, quiet person who enjoys nature and animals. Dogs seem to have always been an important part of his growing years. His last dog, Jim, was a beagle/cocker spaniel mix. Gary's tender loving care of his dogs shows his natural spirit. For 2 years Gary lived in Michigan's Upper Penninsula, which seemed true to his nature since there is nature in abundance, with deer and other creatures at each turn.

When younger, Gary played soccer and basketball and to this day enjoys watching sports on television. Gary actively works out to keep himself in shape.

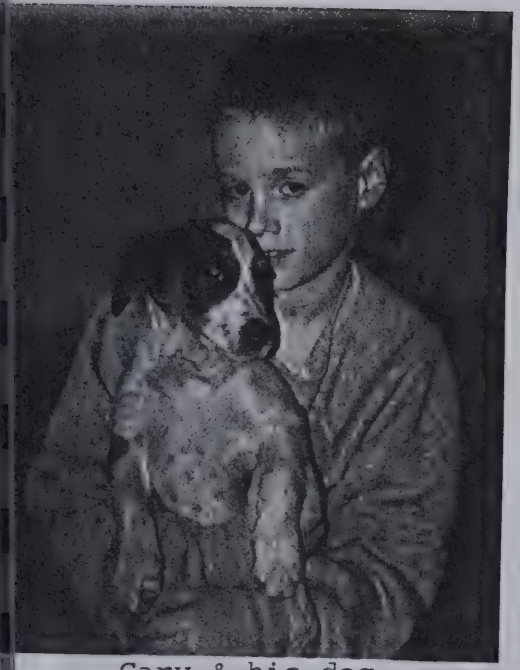
While Gary and his mother lived in Munising, Michigan, Gary attended Munising High School and is presently in his senior year at East Noble High in Kendaville, Indiana where Gary resides with his father.

Gary has worked full-time for two years at the Kendallville News-Sun while attending high school. With Gary's determination to gain his financial independence he has shown those around how strong his work ethics are. It is easy to see Gary will go as far as he wants in life.

Gary has an interest in writing books and no doubt will some day accomplish his goal. Gary is a tall, blond haired, blue-eyed young man who isn't often seen without his baseball style hat. At present Gary is the tallest in the family for 2 or more generations.

Gary - 1 year old

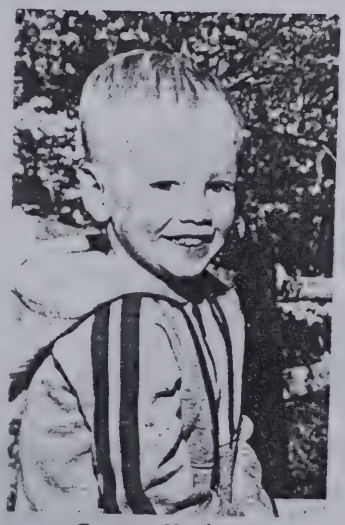
Gary - 1984



Gary & his dog

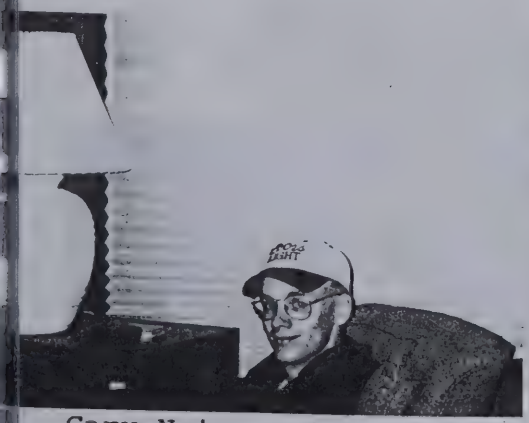
Gary & his dog.

Gary - 10/84



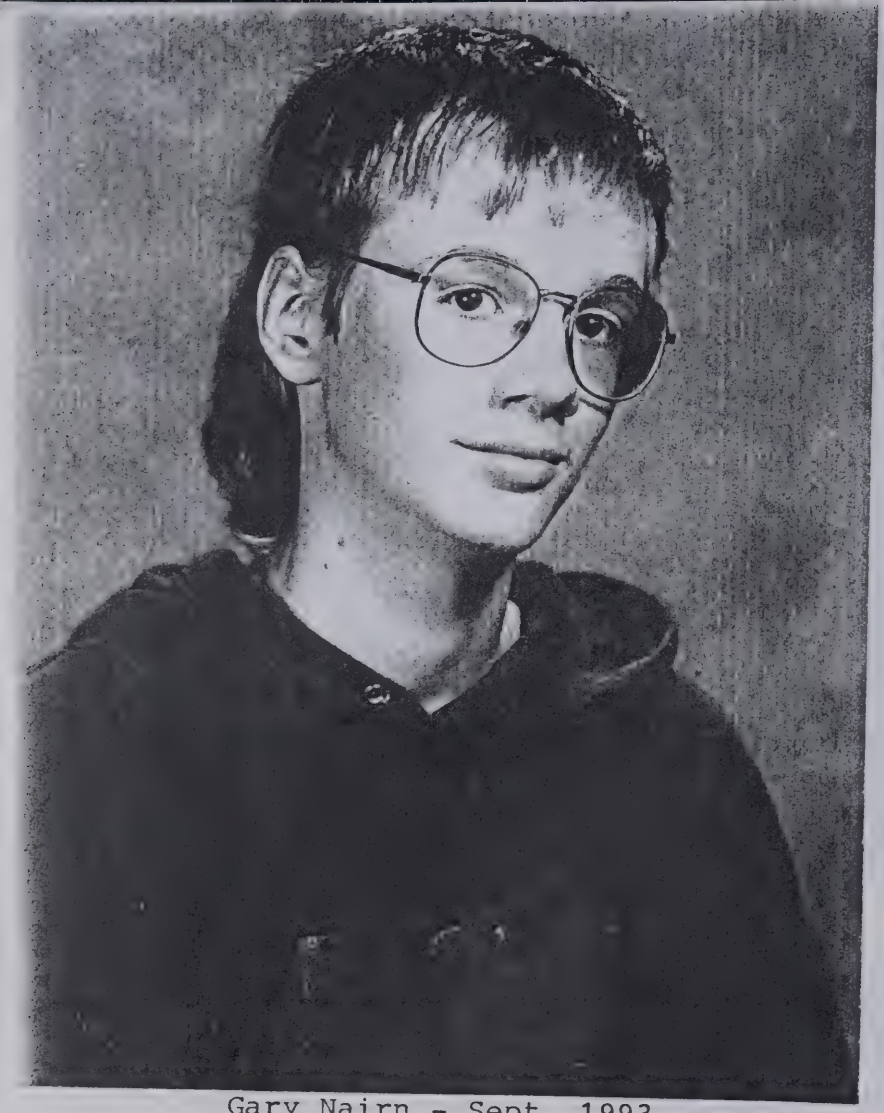
Gary Nairn
Jan. 1982

Gary - June, 1994



Gary Nairn - 1996

Gary Nairn



Gary Nairn - Sept. 1993

Gary & Burt 6/1994

Gary with his Grandma Walter and his cousins. Gregg Lockwood, Doug Lockwood, Lisa Lockwood, Kim Lockwood, Jimmy Hoff, Burt Nairn, Jason Hoff & Gary. Christmas 1986

Gary Nairn

Sheila Kay Walter was born December 6, 1974 in Noble County to Joe and Debra Walter. Sheila resides with her mother.

Jeremiah Kent Ellison is the son of Monica Richmond and Kent Ellison. Jeremiah was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on October 21, 1978.

Robert Allen Riller is one of a set of twins born to Monica (Richmond) and Robert Filler. Robert was born in Fort Wayne on June 22, 1994.

Elizabeth Ashley Riller was born a twin to Robert Allen Riller and daughter of Monica (Richmond) and Robert Filler. She was born June 22, 1994.

Janell Marie Richmond was the first child born to Robert and Anita Marie (Hille) Richmond. Janell was born on July 11, 1980.

Allison Leigh Richmond was born on January 12, 1985 to Robert and Anita Marie (Hille) Richmond.

Ty Jacob Maggerl, born May 22, 1973, is the son of Sandra (Gnagy) and Melvin Maggerl.

Tara Jonelle Maggerl is the daughter of Sandra (Gnagy) and Melvin Maggerl. Tara was born September 20, 1974.

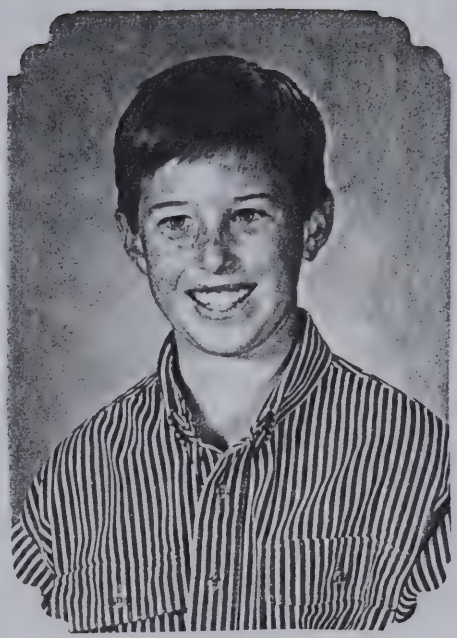
Raquel Baker, daughter of Rick and Judy (Dunn) Baker, was born February 7, 1970. Raquel lives in Indiana.

Raquel Baker - 1990

Lindsey Baker, born February 7, 1970, is the daughter of Rick and Judy (Dunn) Baker. Lindsey was raised in California with her parents and siblings.

Michael Baker, called Mick, is the son of Rick and Judy (Dunn) Baker. Michael was born the third child, on August 22, 1983. Mick has lived in California and North Dakota.

Lindsey Baker - 1994



Mick Baker - 1994

Jackie Baker - 1994

Jackie Baker was born to Rick and Judy (Dunn) Baker on March 12, 1985. Jackie was raised most of her years in California and for a short time in Fargo, North Dakota.

Nicholas Baker was born May 8, 1986 to Ronald and Judy (Ulm) Baker.

Bradley Rudolph, born November 19, 1974, is the son of Cheryl (Baker) and Richard Rudolph.

Thomas Rudolph was born July 7 1979 to Cheryl (Baker) and Richard Rudolph.

Jessica Rudolph is the daughter of Cheryl (Baker) and Richard Rudolph. Jessica was born December 14, 1981.

Joshua Smith is the son of Carla (Baker) and Bruce Smith. Joshua was born November 4, 1980.

Jayma Smith was born May 29, 1982 to Carla (Baker) and Bruce Smith.

Zeth Michael Baker is the son of Tony and Tammy (Deetz) Baker.

Riley Andrew Baker is the son of Tony and Tammy (Deetz) Baker.

Spencer Allen Baker is the son of Tony and Tammy (Deetz) Baker.

Jared Smith, born June 6, 1987, is the son of Carla (Baker) and Bruce Smith.

Matthew Peterson was born November 20, 1985 to Cathy (Baker) and Douglas Peterson.

Michelle Peterson is the daughter of Cathy (Baker) and Douglas Peterson. Michelle was born October 29, 1987.

Kaleb William Kelham, born May 4, 1989, is the son of Tonya (Baker) and Kraig Kelham.

Tatum Raquel Kelham is the daughter of Tonya (Baker) and Kraig Kelham. Tatum was born on August 16, 1991.

Sarah Elizabeth Trammel, daughter of Rick and Pat (Baird) Trammel, was born Febrary 26, 1979.

Rachel Renee Trammel was born to Rick and Pat (Baird) Trammel on June 20, 1980.

Kena Marie Baird was born March 21, 1981 to Charles, Jr. and Janet (Seiss) Baird.

Kyle Blake Baird, born January 17, 1983, is the son of Charles, Jr. and Janet (Seiss) Baird.

Adam Lynn Baird, born March 19, 1984, is the son of Jeffrey and Cathy (Hannes) Baird.

Sara Lynn Baird is the daughter of Jeffrey and Cathy (Hannes) Baird. Sara was born July 20, 1987.

Christina Lynn Baird was born December 12, 1988 to Jeffrey and Cathy (Hannes) Barid.

James Shaffer, born January 28, 1967, is the son of Bevery (Baird) and James Shaffer. James has two children, possibly they are step-children, James Jeffery Howell and Nathaniel Allen Howell.

Anna Marie Shaffer was born August 3, 1968 to Beverly (Baird) and James Shaffer. Anna married Kenneth Cleveland on November 9, 1985. Kenneth was born December 10, 1966. Their children are Caressa Jo and Marcie Ann.

Melinda Lucille Shaffer, the daughter of Beverly (Baird) and James Shaffer, was born November 19, 1969. Melinda has two children, Cassandra Lee and Matthew Zechariah.

Heather Marie Baird was born December 13, 1977 to Rodney and Donna (Miller) Baird.

Rodney Wayne Baird, Jr., born January 8, 1979, is the son of Rodney, Sr. and Donna.

Betty Jean Baird was born to Gregory, Sr. and Wanda (Boyde) Baird on April 7, 1973.

Sharon Irene Baird was born March 30, 1974 to Gregory, Sr. and Wanda (Boyde) Baird. Sharon had a son Zachery Jordan born on March 14, 1991.

Gregory Allen Baird, Jr., born March 24, 1975, is the on of Gregory, Sr. and Wanda (Boyde) Baird.

Robert Ray Baird was born on November 22, 1976 to Gregory, Sr. and Wanda (Boyde) Baird.

William Henry Baird is the son of Gregory, Sr. and Wanda (Boyde) Baird. William's birthdate is November 29, 1989.

Kevin Ray Baird, Jr. was born the son of Kevin, Sr. and Patricia (Grant) Baird on September 1, 1977.

Kimberly Rae Baird is the daughter of Kevin, Sr. and Patricia (Grant) Baird, born July 10, 1979.

Shacoya Kevinicia Baird is the daughter of Kevin and Patricia Ann (Grant) Baird. Shacoya was born December 1, 1985.

Carey Lynn Baird, Jr. is the son of Carey, Sr. and Vicki (Neace) Baird. His family lived in LaGrange, Indiana.

Tanuka Lynn Niccum was born the daughter of Barbara (Baird) and Dennis Niccum on August 18, 1981.

Lisa Marie Niccum is the daughter of Barbara (Baird) and Dennis Niccum. Lisa's birthdate is February 8, 1988. Lisa died May 21, 1989.

Brian Patrick Hampshire is the son of Cathy (Baird) and Patrick Hampshire. Brian was born November 5, 1972.

Keith Patrick Hampshire, born September 14, 1980, is the son of Cathy (Baird) and Patrick Hampshire.

Rachel Jenny Hartman was the first child born to Colleen (Baird) and Kenneth Hartman. Rachel's birthdate is December 2, 1975.

Joseph Robert Hartman was born December 25, 1978 to Colleen (Baird) and Kenneth Hartman.

Kimberly Dawn Roop is the daughter of Judy (Baird) and Jerry Roop. She was born September 9, 1975.

Sharmin Renee Roop, born August 23, 1978, is the daughter of Judy (Baird) and Jerry Roop.

Jamie Marie Baird, born March 11, 1980, is the daughter of Michael and Marilyn (Freed) Baird. Jamie is the twin of Julie Ann Baird.

Julie Ann Baird is the daughter of Michael and Marilyn (Freed) and Baird, born on March 11, 1980. Julie is the twin of Jamie Marie Baird.

Jennifer Lynn Baird, born January 11, 1983, is the daughter of Michael and Marilyn (Freed) Baird.

Jill Renee Baird was born May 7, 1987, the daughter of Michael and Marilyn (Freed) Baird.

Candy Christina Christner is the daughter of Teresa (Baird) and Michael Christner. Candy was born June 11, 1973.

Michelle Renee Christner was born January 16, 1977 to Teresa (Baird) and Michael Christner.

Brad Lane Ritchie, born February 18, 1978, is the son of Sarah (Baird) and Donald Ritchie.

Tracy Lynn Ritchie was born May 14, 1981 to Sarah (Baird) and Donald Ritchie.

Brian Eugene Ritchie is the son of Sarah (Baird) and Donald Ritchie. Brian was born November 10, 1984.

Nicole Joan Pierce was born the daughter of John and Kimberly (Reese) Pierce. Nicole was born April 19, 1982. Nicole died May 8, 1982.

Nicholas David Pierce is the son of John and Kimberly (Reese) Pierce, born November 22, 1984.

Steven Edward Pierce, Jr. was born May 8, 1974 to Steven, Sr. and Virginia (Prater) Pierce. Steven, Jr. died the same day of his birth.

Shannon Renee Pierce, born July 12, 1976, is the daughter of Steven, Sr. and Virginia (Prater) Pierce.

Jackie Lynn Pierce, the daughter of Steven Pierce, Sr., was born February 15, 1978.

Samual Jan . was born May 31, 1978 to Janet Pierce.

Angel Nicole Farmer is the daughter of Janet (Pierce) and Ronald Farmer. Angel was born November 13, 1980.

Bernice Elizabeth Farmer, born January 2, 1982, is the daughter of Janet (Pierce) and Ronald Farmer.

Dawn Nicole Stryker is the daughter of Cindy (Baird) and David Stryker. Dawn was born January 21, 1979.

Jason Renkenberger is the son of Cindy (Baird) and Dennis Renkenberger. Jason's birthdate is May 13, 1981.

Christine Renkenberger was born the daughter of Cindy (Barid) and Dennis Renkenberger.

Nathaniel Wayne Rodenbeck is the son of Renee (Baird) and Marvin Rodenbeck. Nathaniel was born October 5, 1982.

Neil James Rodenbeck, born August 4, 1984, is the son of Renee (Baird) and Marvin Rodenbeck.

Nolan Rodenbeck was born on October 5, 1988 to Renee (Baird) and Marvin Rodenbeck.

Nicole Marie Payton is the daughter of Rick and Cecile (Lynch) Payton. Nicole was born February 12, 1979.

Daniel Ray Payton, born April 17, 1981, is the son of Rick and Cecile (Lynch) Payton. Daniel's family live in Auburn, Indiana.

Brianna Luella Bea Payton, born May 3, 1988, is the daughter of Ronald and Debbie Payton. Brianna's family live in Angola, Indiana.

Hillary Rose Payton is the daughter of Ronald and Debbie Payton. Hillary was born January 22, 1990. Hillary lives with her parents and siblings in Angola, Indiana.

Matthew Scott Dilley, born September 24, 1978, is the son of Rhonda (Payton) and Gary Dilley.

Jennifer Lynn Dilley is the daughter of Rhonda (Payton) and Gary Dilley. Jenny was born June 22, 1980.

Sarah Elizabeth Rist, born December 9, 1981, is the daughter of Laura (Payton) and Michael Rist.

Steven Michael Rist is the son of Laura (Payton) and Michael Rist. Steven's birthdate is November 30, 1984.

Rebecca Michelle Rist was born the daughter of Laura (Payton) and Michael Rist on July 21, 1987.

Benjamin Douglas Rist was born July 30, 1990, the son of Laura (Payton) and Michael Rist.

Brandy Kayle Payton is the daughter of Lowell Payton and Jamie Helbert Edsal. Brandy was born December 16, 1960 and spends most of her time with her Grandpa and Grandma Payton.

Tiffany Marie Longsworth, born April 14, 1987, is the daughter of Terry, Jr. and Jan (Mortimore) Longsworth.

Christopher Allen Longsworth is the son of Terry, Jr. and Jan (Mortimore) Longsworth. Christopher was born July 9, 1990.

Krista Lynn Chairez is the daughter of Carri (Sherwood) and Tony Chairez.

Darick Arron Hagewood, born December 17, 1991, is the son of Taya (Aldrich) and Rick Hagewood.

Darrick Aaron Hagewood

Adam John Aldrich

Adam John Aldrich is the son of Scott and Bobbie (Standiford) Aldrich. Adam was born March 13, 1995 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Adam was given the family name John, which was not only his grandfather's and his uncles' but the name carries back into the second generation this book begins with. Adam lives with his parents in Auburn, Indiana.

Michelle Erin Sowles, born February 14, 1978, daughter of Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles.

Bradley Wayne Sowles, son of Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles, was born November 1, 1979.

Gary Abbeg, Jr. is the son of Donna (Simons) and Gary Abbeg, Sr.

Terri Howard, born to Marjorie (Simons) and Phillip Howard.

Phillip Howard, Jr. is the son of Marjorie (Simons) and Phillip Howard. It is unknown if he and his father use the Jr. and Sr. on their names but for simplicity I will do so.

Toni Howard was born to Marjorie (Simons) and Phillip Howard, Sr.

Derrick Howard is the son of Marjorie (Simons) and Phillip Howard, Sr.

Billie Simons was born to Donny & Jeanne Simons.

Jacinda Simons is the daughter of Donny & Jeanne Simons.

Brandy Hoard is the son of Brenda (Simons) and Ray Hoard. Brandy was engaged to marry Rollin Miller in August, 1995.

Justin Hoard is the son of Brenda (Simons) and Ray Hoard.

Shannon Hoard is the daughter of Brenda (Simons) and Ray Hoard.

Ryan Feisel is the son of Venassia (Simons) and Stephen Feisel.

Kramer Feisel was born to Venassia (Simons) and Stephen Feisel.

Ryan Daniels was born to Dawn (Champion) and David Daniels. Ryan lost an eye to cancer put has recouperated quite well.

Kelly Daniels is the daughter of Dawn (Champion) and David Daniels.

Taylor Himen is the son of Kimalana (Champion) and Rick Himen.

Cody Himen is the son of Kimalana (Champion) and Rick Himen.

Kayla Champion is the daughter of Trent and and Diana (Draper) Champion.

Eighth Generation

Chase

Chase Douglas Lockwood, born February 2, 1993 in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the son of Doug and Angie Lockwood. Chase is a happy, healthy and very active child. He is very inquisitive and loves to learn. Chase's parents enjoy taking him to the Children's Museum and the Indianapolis Zoo. These are quickly becoming Chase's favorite places. Being the oldest child Chase had the opportunity of holding a lot of only child attention but now enjoys being big brother. Chase loves his extended family which includes his great grandparents, grandparents, parents, brother, cousins, aunts and uncles and Chelsea (their family dog). Until the last year that list also included Chase, Doggie Lockwood (his stuffed animal), and Silky Lockwood (his silk blanket)!

Chase's personality is rapidly taking shape. He idolizes his Daddy and Uncle Gregg and watches/practices with them when they practice their martial arts. It came to the parents' attention a year ago that Chase did not understand when not to exercise his growing knowledge in this field. While attending his day care two other students decided to pick on Chase so he took matters into his own hands and knocked them both down. Chase's parents were immediately notified. We all know who to call on now when we're in need of protection.

- The Lockwoods -
Angie, Doug & Chase

Chase - 10/1994

Doug & litle Chase Lockwood

Chase & his Daddy & Mommy

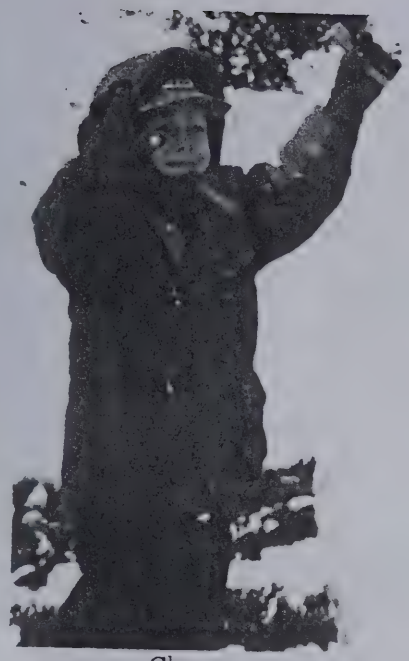
- 4 Generations -
Grandma Janice Lockwood
Chase Lockwood
Great-Grandma Evie Walter
Daddy, Doug Lockwood

Chase Lockwood
age 2 years

Chase & Grandma Walter
Dec. 1994

Chase & Grant
November, 1996

Chase Lockwood
1994



Chase

Mickey Mouse, Daddy & Chase

Grant, Santa & Chase

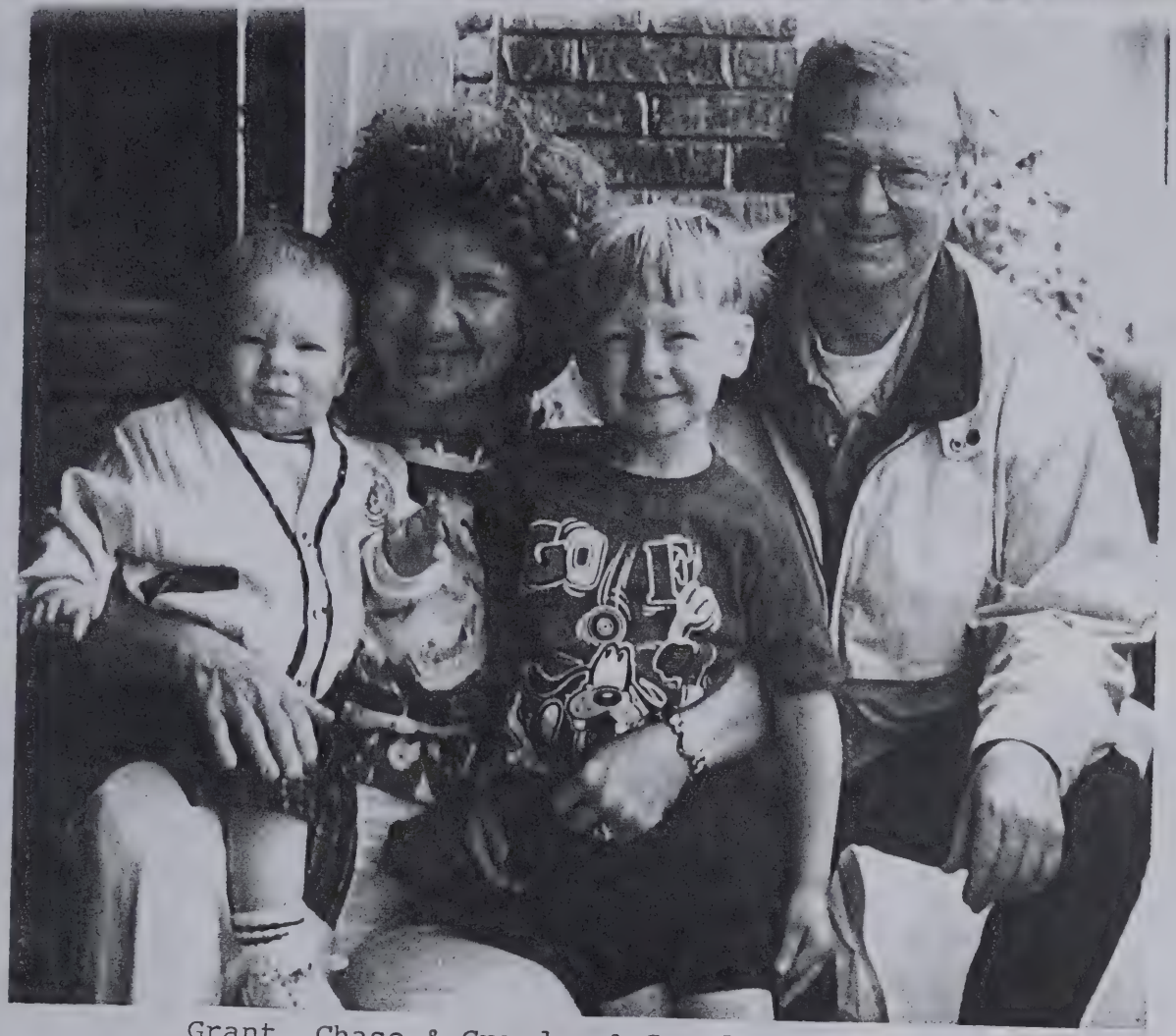
Chase Lockwood

Grant Robert Lockwood, born February 12, 1996 in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the son of Doug and Angie Lockwood. This Lockwood family now resides in Fort Wayne.

Like his brother, Grant has the joy of growing up in a large extended family with lots of cousins, aunts and uncles, grandparents and great-grandparents.

Grant is fun and just a tad ornery with a quick temper that can suddenly arise. He is a quick learner and his love of animals is only topped by his enjoyment of books. Grant loves and enjoys being with his parents but, as most boys, Grant is especially close to his father. Being a toddler, Grant is fascinated by Barney, the purple dinosaur that is the current rage with that age set. Grant's pleasing personality will help him gain the support of those around in the years to come.

Mommy, ME & Chase



Grant, Chase & Grandpa & Grandma Lockwood

Grant & Chase Lockwood

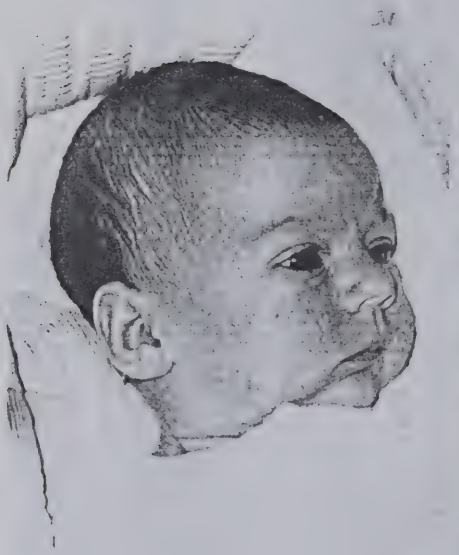
Grant with Daddy

Bailey Christine Hartman, daughter of Kim (Lockwood) and Greg Hartman, was born December 26, 1993 in Auburn, Indiana.

Bailey is a very healthy, jolly person. As a smiley baby she enjoyed her favorite toy, a round oatmeal box with its lid. She just put things in, sealing them with the lid, only to take them out again. Bailey loves playing with her little sister and cousin Tracy. Bailey enjoys reading books and viewing movie videos but a special side of Bailey is seen in her enjoyment of singing and dancing.

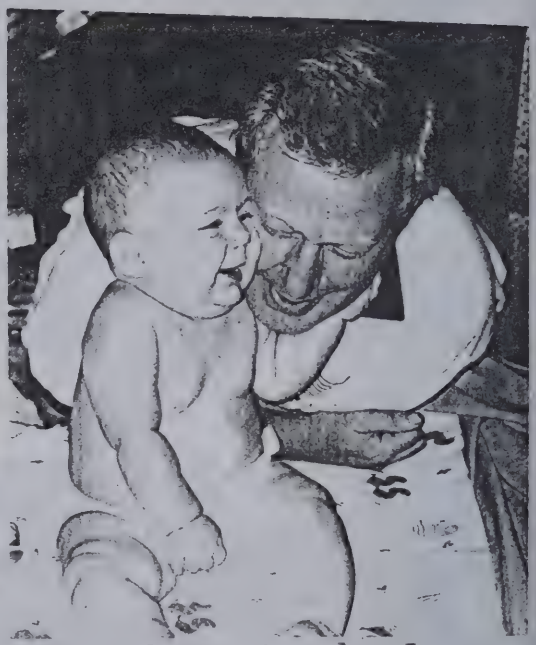
A special time of play is when Daddy rough-houses with Bailey. For Bailey's first birthday party a man dressed up as Barney, the purple dinosaur, came to the party. Bailey and her cousins were very excited.

Bailey's family of four presently resides their new home in the Ashley countryside.



Bailey Christine Hartman
January 30, 1994

Bailey - 10 months



Bailey & Grandpa Larry

Bailey 12/94

Bailey & her Mommy
12/1994

Cousin Tracey, Grandma Lockwood & Bailey
August 19, 1994

Bailey Hartman
age - 15 months

- 4 Generations -
Grandma Janice Lockwood
Great-Grandma Evie Walter
Mommy, Kim Hartman
Bailey Hartman

Bailey and her Daddy

Allison Nicole Hartman was born May 10, 1995 in Auburn, Indiana to Kim (Lockwood) and Greg Hartman. Allison is the second daughter born to this DeKalb County couple.

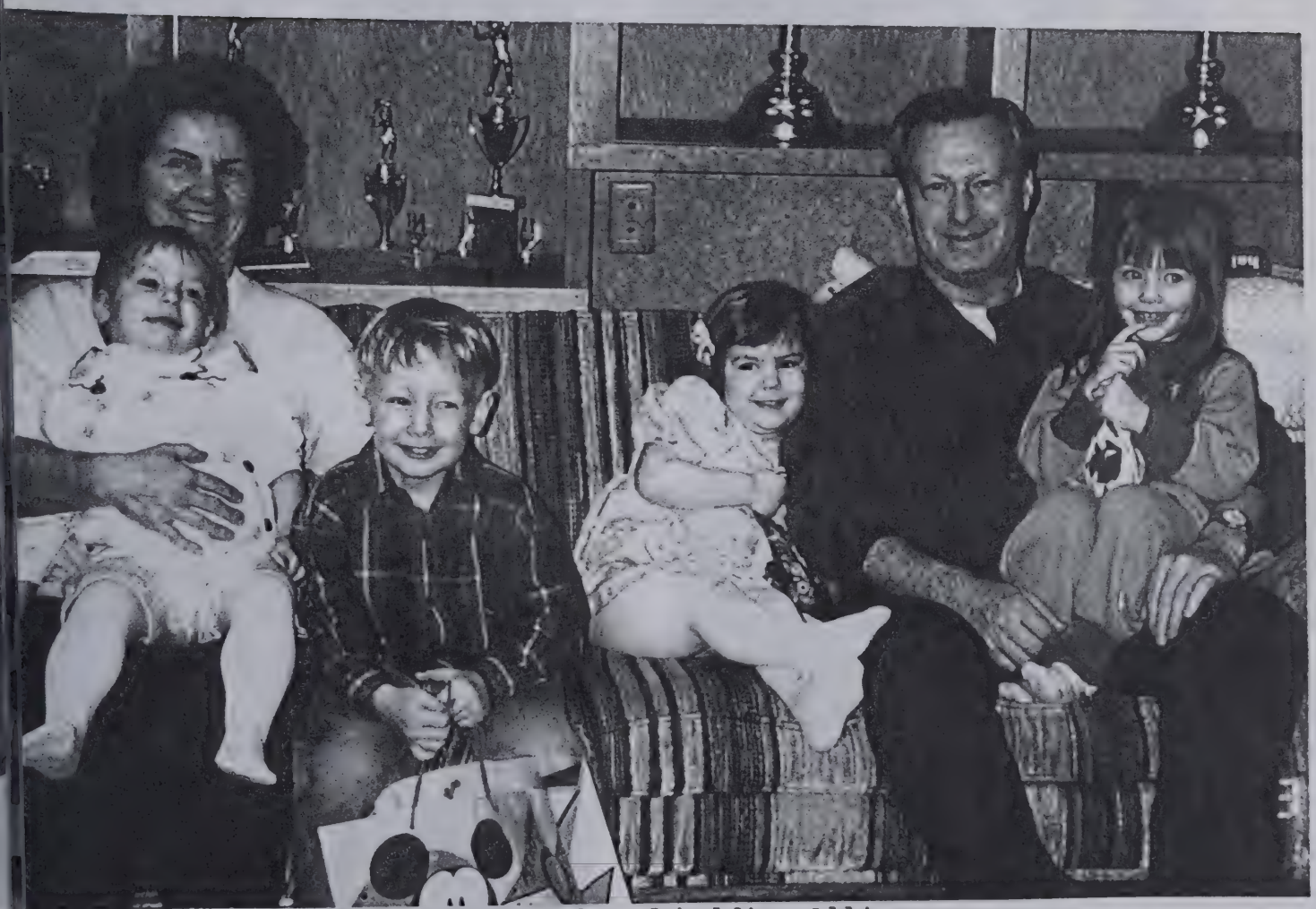
Allison is an independent little lady who likes to do things her way and yet enjoys showing others what she has done. Like her cousin Grant, Allison has a bit of a temper that flares on occasion changing this quiet, cuddly and easy going toddler into a determined one. Allison enjoys reading books and watching movie videos. Her favorite book and video is Beauty and the Beast. Allison and her cousins enjoy the enormous Disney video collection their Grandpa and Grandma Lockwood continue to expand.

Bailey & Allison

Allison with Bailey, Chase and Tracey

Allison with Bailey & Daddy & Mommy

Allison's Extended Family - 12/97
BACK: Burt, Gary, Doug, Jimmy, Mommy & Daddy,
Kelly, Jason holding me.
FRONT: Angie holding Grant, Chase, Grandma
Evie with my sister Bailey.
Missing are Lisa, Greg, Tracey & Josh.



Grandma Lockwood holding Allison,
Chase, Bailey, Grandpa Lockwood holding Tracey.

Tracy Lynn Clifford, daughter of Lisa (Lockwood) and Bill Clifford was born September 16, 1993 at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Tracy enjoys country living. Being outdoors and especially swinging are Tracy's favorite pastimes. The family has started enjoying the zoo and want to make it a tradition. One special treat in Tracy's week is the Sunday morning drive she and her father share. Mommy was allowed to go along once but not allowed to interfer with their two-way conversation so she probably won't go again!

Tracy may be petite in size but her strong spirit will carry her far in life. This pretty little lady can be seen in the many following photos.

Tracey Clifford
age 1½ years

Tracey with cousins Chase & Bailey
May, 1994

Mommy & Daddy with baby Tracey

Tracey & her Mommy

(Tracy) with cousins Bailey & Chase

Tracey Clifford
October,1994

Lisa & Tracey
August 1994

Bailey, ME & Chase

Daddy reading to Tracey
July, 1994

Joshua Charles Clifford was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on February 21, 1996, the son of Lisa (Lockwood) and Greg Hartman. Joshua is a lively spirited little guy with a look of innocence about him that can be deceiving or so his family tells! He is all boy, as the saying goes, and loves animals and reading books. Joshua is a sweet toddler that all enjoy and presntly lives in the country as had his parents, grandparents and great-grandparents before him.

Grandma Lockwood holding Grant, Chase, Grandma Evie holding my sister Tracey, Bailey, & Aunt Janie holding Joshua.

Four Lockwood Generations
Great-Grandpa Lockwood holding Grant Chase on his Daddy Doug's shoulders, Grandpa Larry Lockwood holding Josh, Tracey & Bailey.

Tracey, Mommy and Me.

Joshua's Extended Family
Chase, Grandpa Lockwood, Joshua, Tracey,
Uncle Doug, Grant, Bailey, Aunt Kim with Allyson.

Brittany Faith Beavers is the daughter of Carrie (Mason) and Greg Beavers. Brittany was born November 1, 1993. She lives with her parents in Yulle, Florida. Pictured here are Brittany at age 1 and her parents.

Caressa Jo Cleveland, born August 31, 1985, is the daughter of Anna (Shaffer) and Kenneth Cleveland.

Marcie Ann Cleveland is the daughter of Anna (Shaffer) and Kenneth Cleveland. Marcie was born March 17, 1989.

Cassanddra Lee _____ was born July 27, 1985, the daughter of Melinda Shaffer.

Matthew Zechariah _____ is the son of Melinda Shaffer. Matthew was born February 21, 1987.

Zachery Jordan, born March 14, 1991, is the son of Sharon Baird.

This legacy of the past is yours, already created. Your future is a destiny you will create, be it good or great is your priorities to decide. May you choose well and enjoy a God given peace.

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